

# Sub-County Statistical Analysis and Visualization using ArcGIS Pro and Python

Indiana GIS Day  
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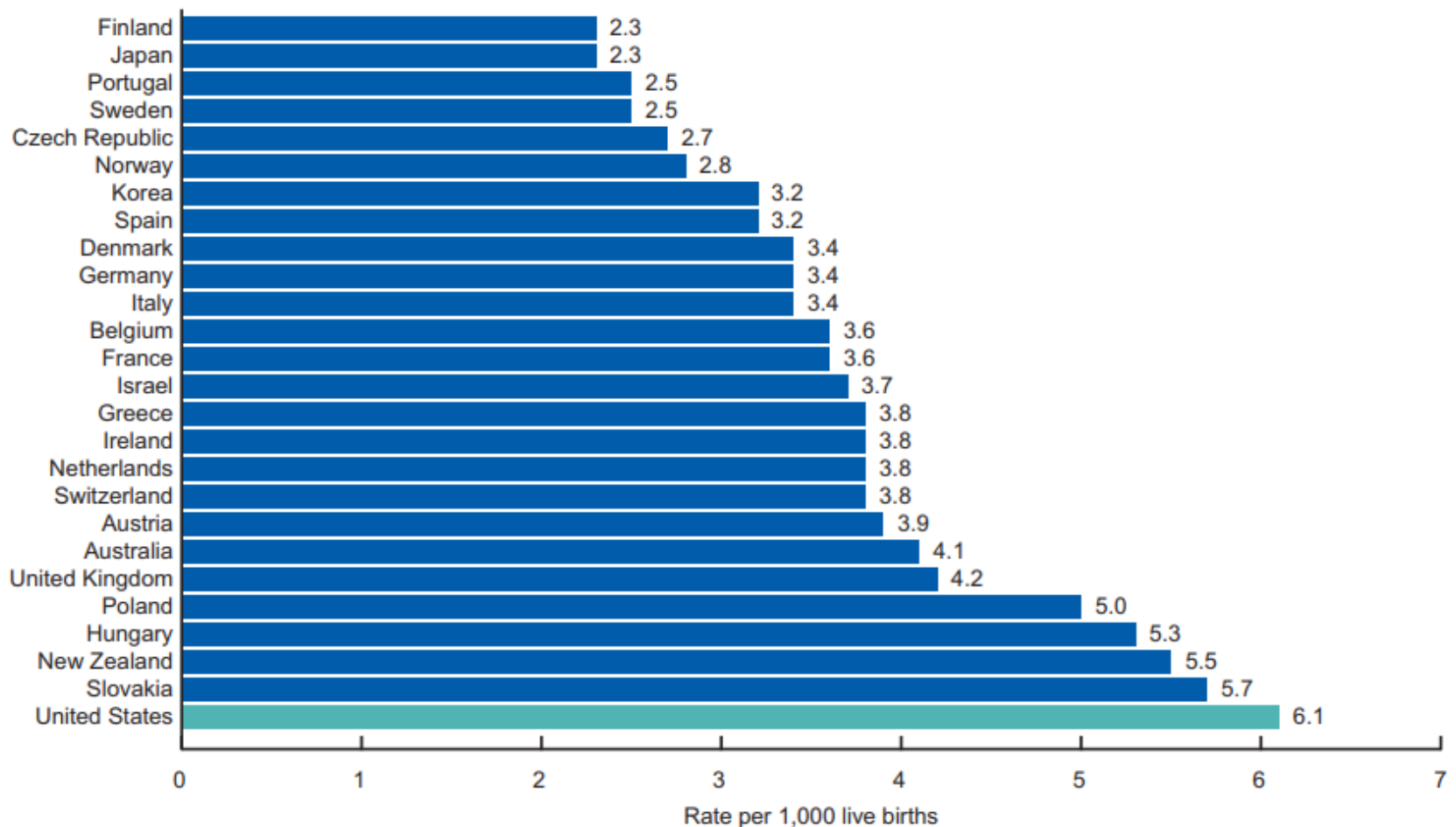
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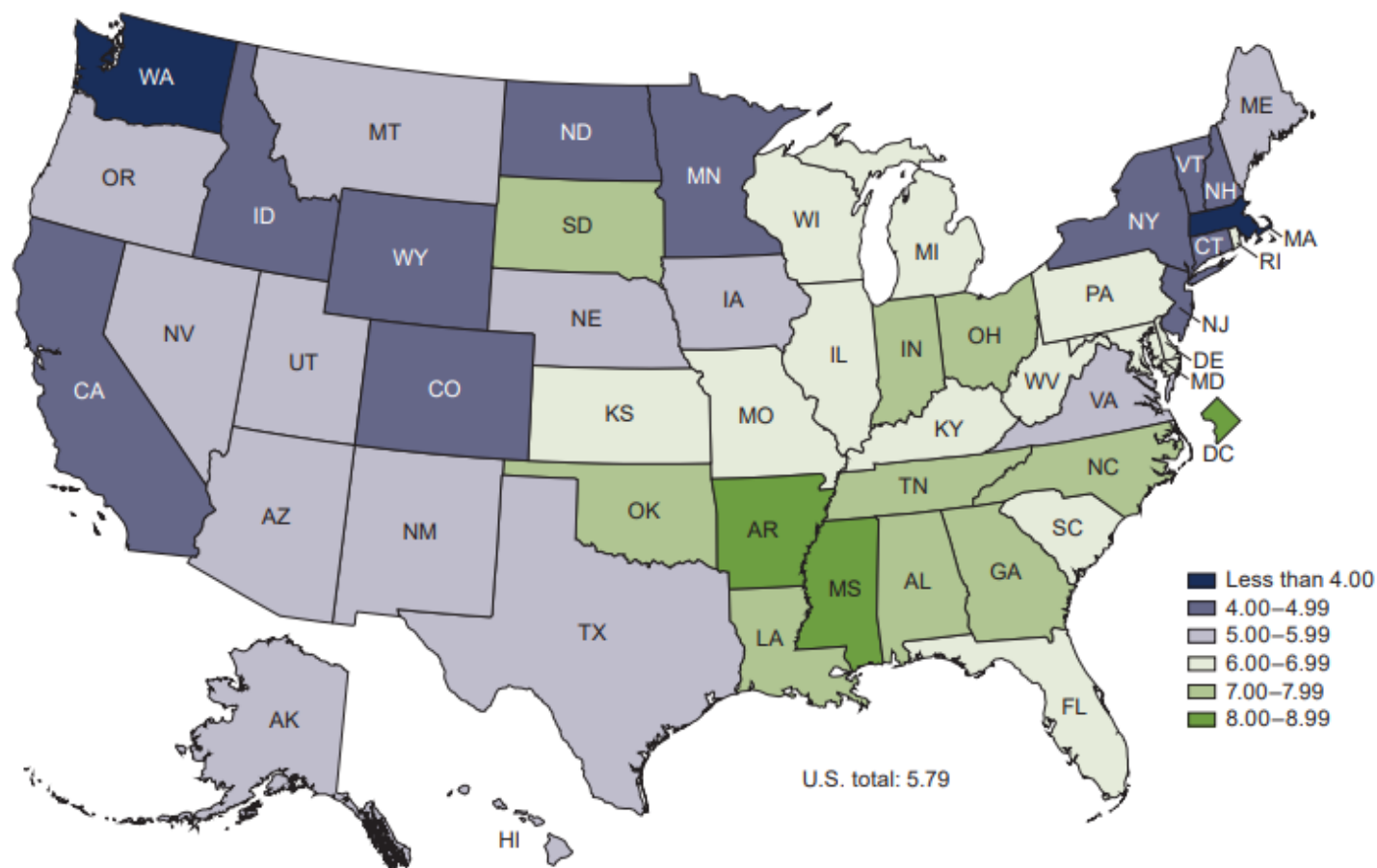
# Infant Mortality Rates

U.S. & Selected Countries, 2010



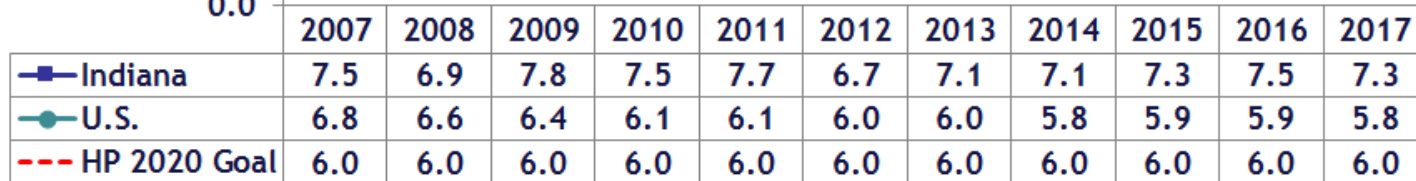
# Infant Mortality Rates

U.S., 2017



SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Linked birth/infant death file.

# Indiana, U.S. & Healthy People 2020 Goal, 2007 – 2017





# ISDH Programs and Initiatives to Help Reduce Infant Mortality Rates

Indiana's Early  
Start Program



Safe Sleep Program



IPQIC

Indiana Quality Improvement Collaborative



INDIANA  
PRAMS  
Pregnancy Risk Assessment  
Monitoring System

Healthy Babies. Born on Time.



MCH  
MOMS  
HELPLINE  
1-844-MCH-MOMS  
(844-624-8687)

The key to a healthy baby and a happy mom



Labor of Love  
Helping Indiana Reduce Infant Death



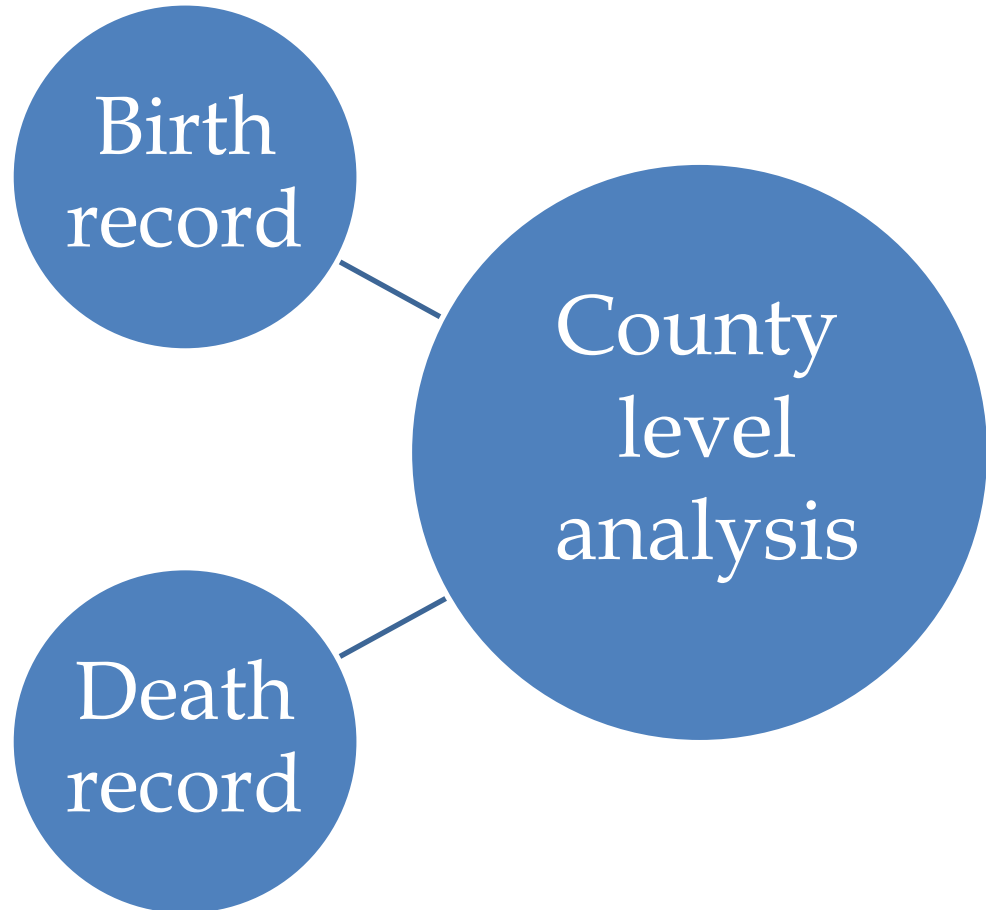
Help Me Grow  
Indiana



# Infant Mortality Data

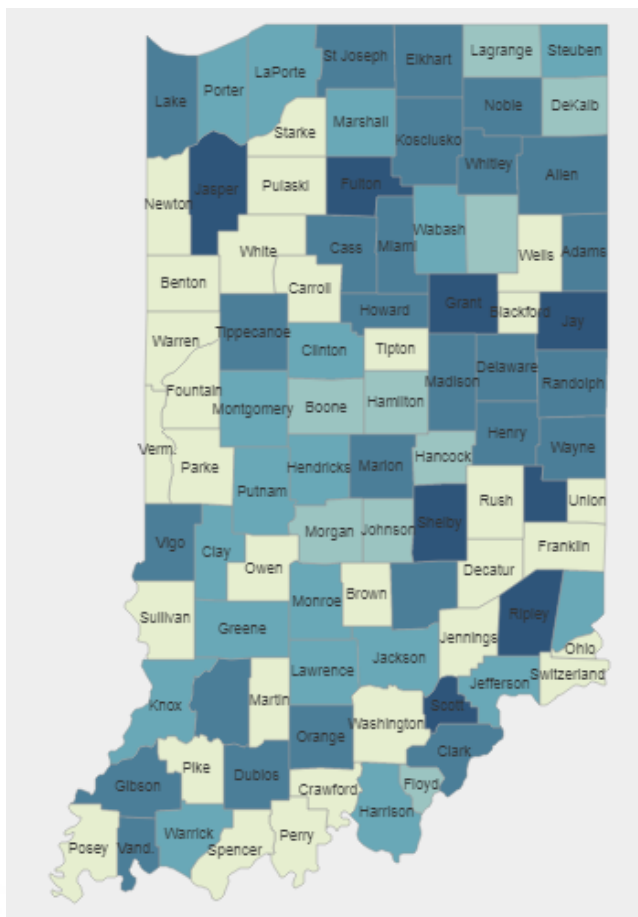
- Pre-term, low birthweight
- Prenatal care
- Smoking during pregnancy
- Insurance

- Cause of death
- Age at death

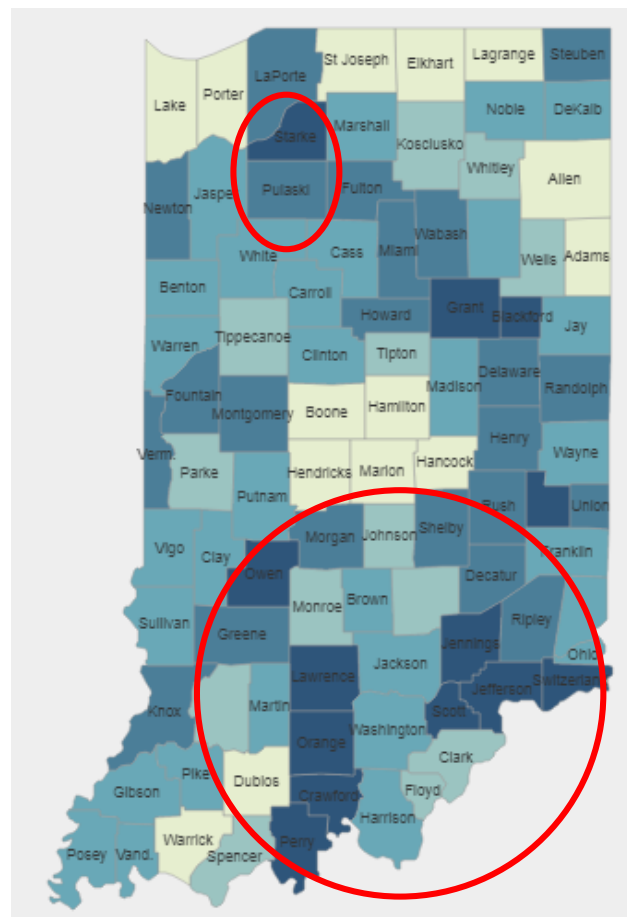


# Infant Mortality and Birth Risk Factors

Infant Mortality Rates, 2013-17



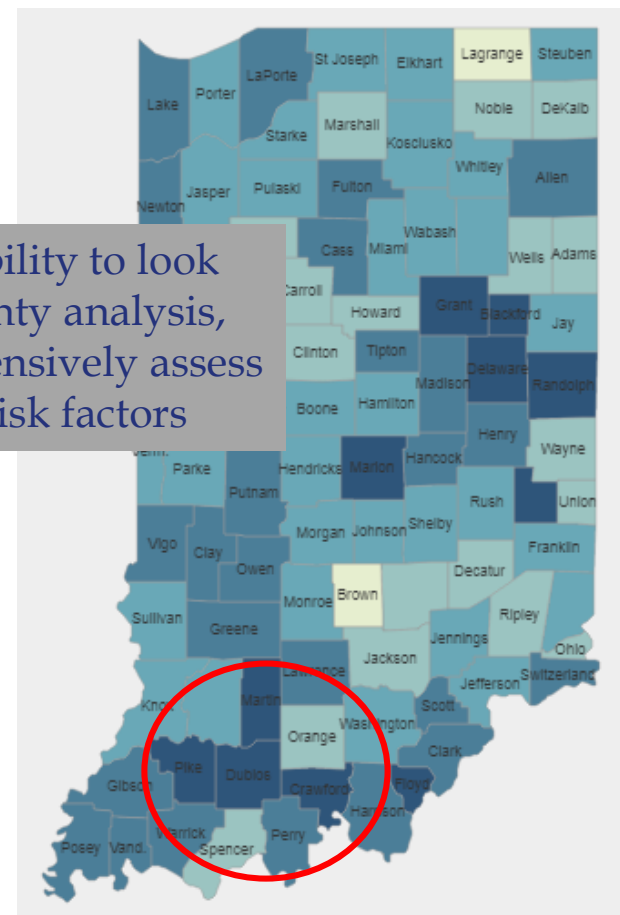
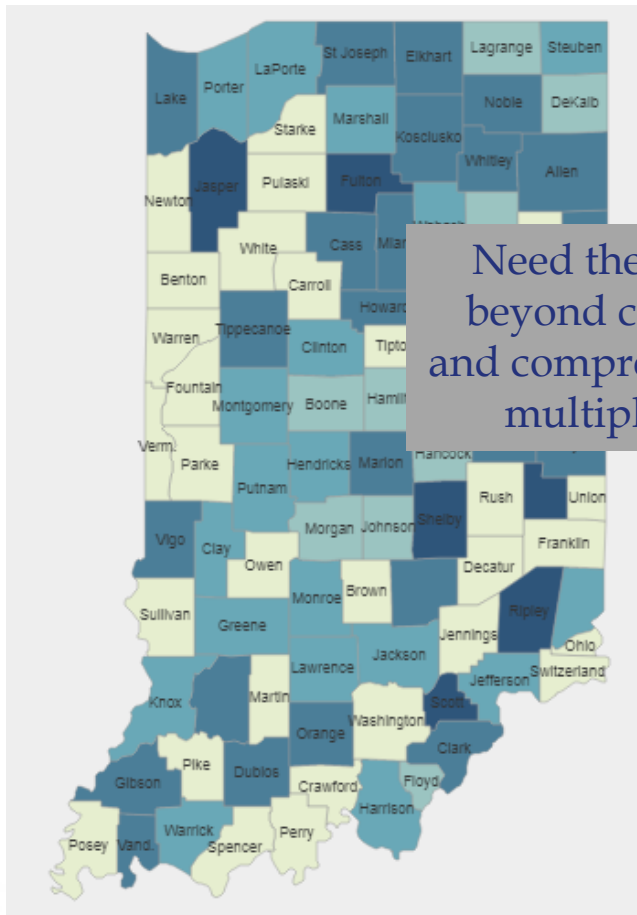
Mothers Smoking During Pregnancy, 2013-17



# Infant Mortality and Birth Risk Factors

Infant Mortality Rates, 2013-17

Preterm Infants, 2013-17

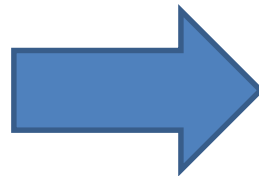




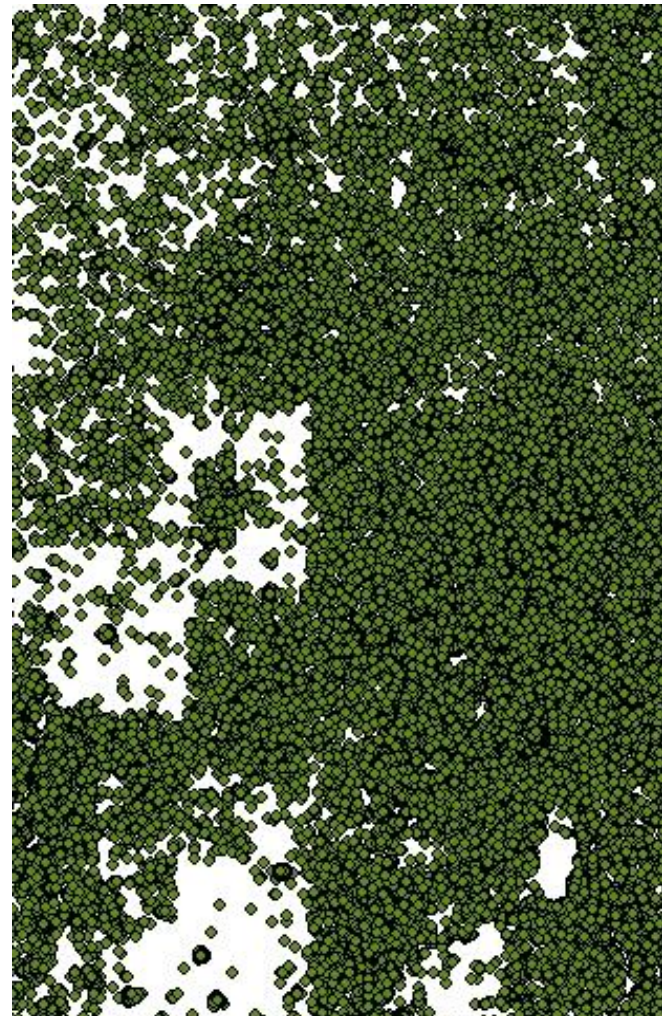
# GIS in Health Begins with Geographic Coding

Records collected by ISDH

1999	C911	0	71	2.0000	1.0000	76
1999	C159	0	64	1.0000	1.0000	35
2000	E149	0	70	1.0000	1.0000	02
2000	J449	0	74	2.0000	2.0000	02
1999	J449	0	68	1.0000	2.0000	02
1999	D469	0	71	2.0000	1.0000	02
2000	J449	1	80	1.0000	1.0000	02
1999	I619	0	73	2.0000	1.0000	02
1999	E149	0	72	2.0000	1.0000	02
1999	J449	0	81	2.0000	2.0000	35
1999	I269	0	71	2.0000	1.0000	02
1999	I518	0	68	1.0000	1.0000	02
2000	I713	0	81	2.0000	2.0000	02
2000	E149	0	74	1.0000	1.0000	02
1999	V861	0	78	1.0000	1.0000	27
1999	I609	0	70	2.0000	2.0000	02
2000	I269	1	78	2.0000	1.0000	27
1999	J969	0	68	2.0000	2.0000	02
2000	J449	0	82	2.0000	2.0000	02
1999	E149	0	82	1.0000	1.0000	02
1999	I219	0	65	1.0000	1.0000	90
1999	I219	0	74	1.0000	2.0000	02
2000	I518	0	71	1.0000	2.0000	35
1999	I639	0	74	2.0000	2.0000	57
1999	I420	0	84	1.0000	2.0000	27
1999	I269	0	73	2.0000	1.0000	02
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2000	I219	0	68	1.0000	1.0000	02
2000	E149	0	78	2.0000	2.0000	02
2000	I518	0	78	1.0000	1.0000	02
1999	R092	0	74	2.0000	1.0000	90
1999	D471	0	69	1.0000	1.0000	02
1999	C509	0	71	1.0000	1.0000	02
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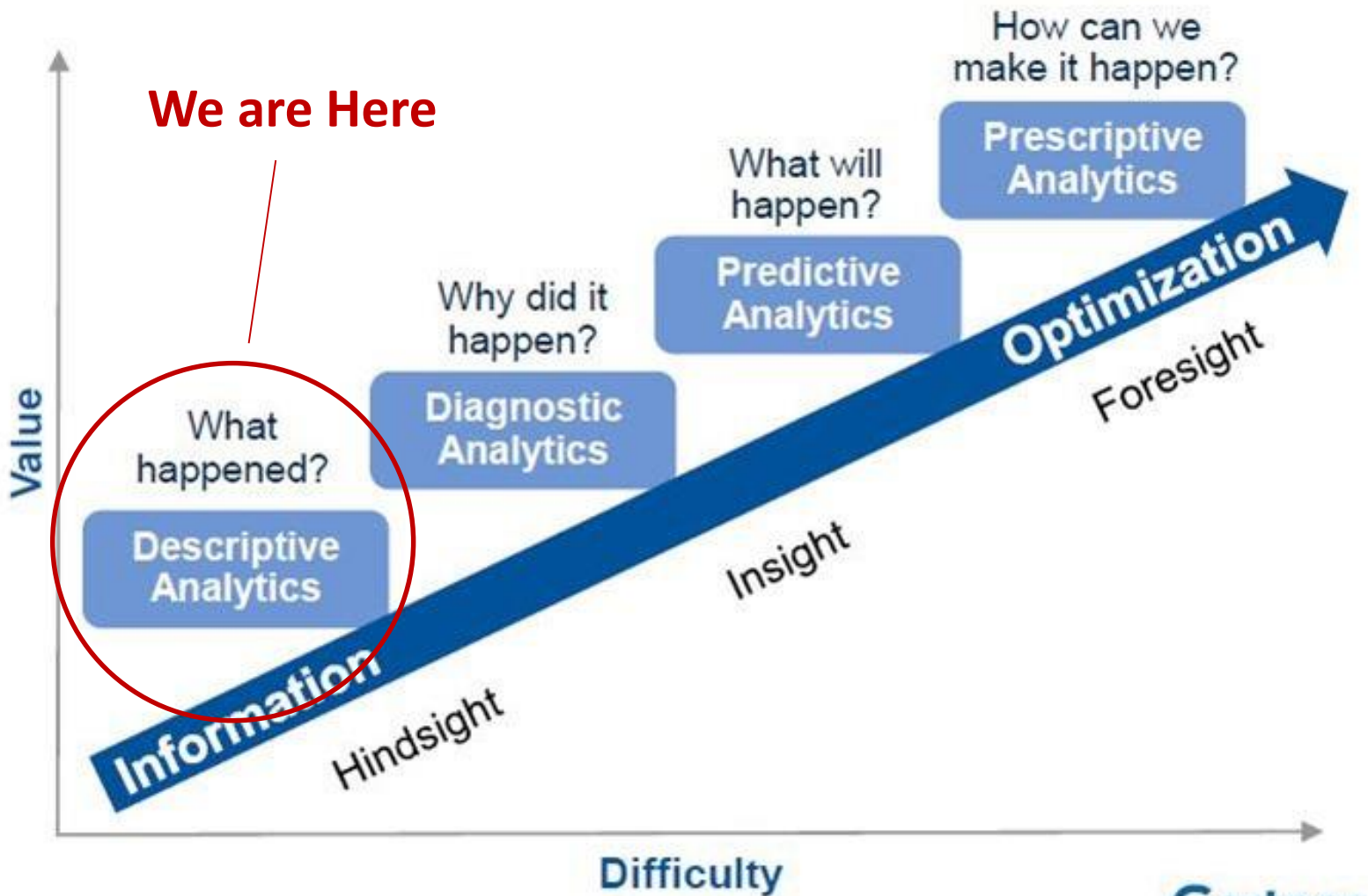


Records are a point on a map

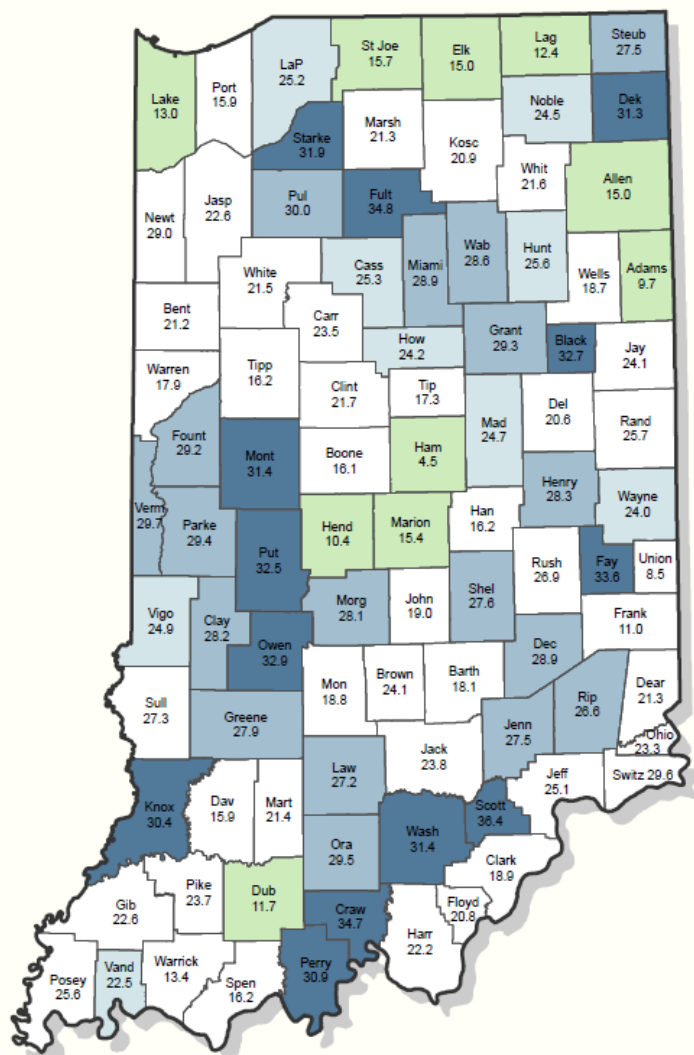


- **What we are repeatedly and increasingly asked for?**
  - Sub-county statistics
- **Can we share and distribute these stats?**
  - No, because of suppression rules (identifiability) and accuracy (noise) of stats due to less data available at such scales
- **How do we overcome these limitations?**
  - Provide statistics on **Observed** cases and events at increased geographic detail to focus health resources **Within** the county using a **Multi-scale Binning and Smoothing Methodology** that can be shared and distributed in the public domain to promote and support targeted health interventions

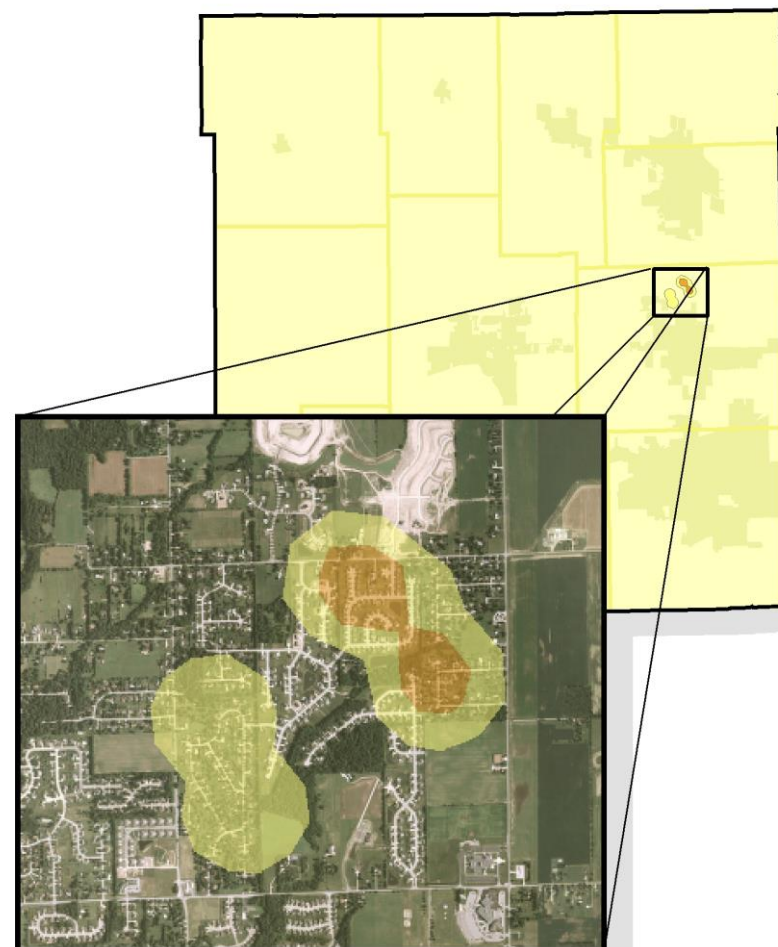




## Describing Health By County as Whole (share data with everyone)



## Targeting Health of Neighborhoods (no sharing – actionable info not leveraged)

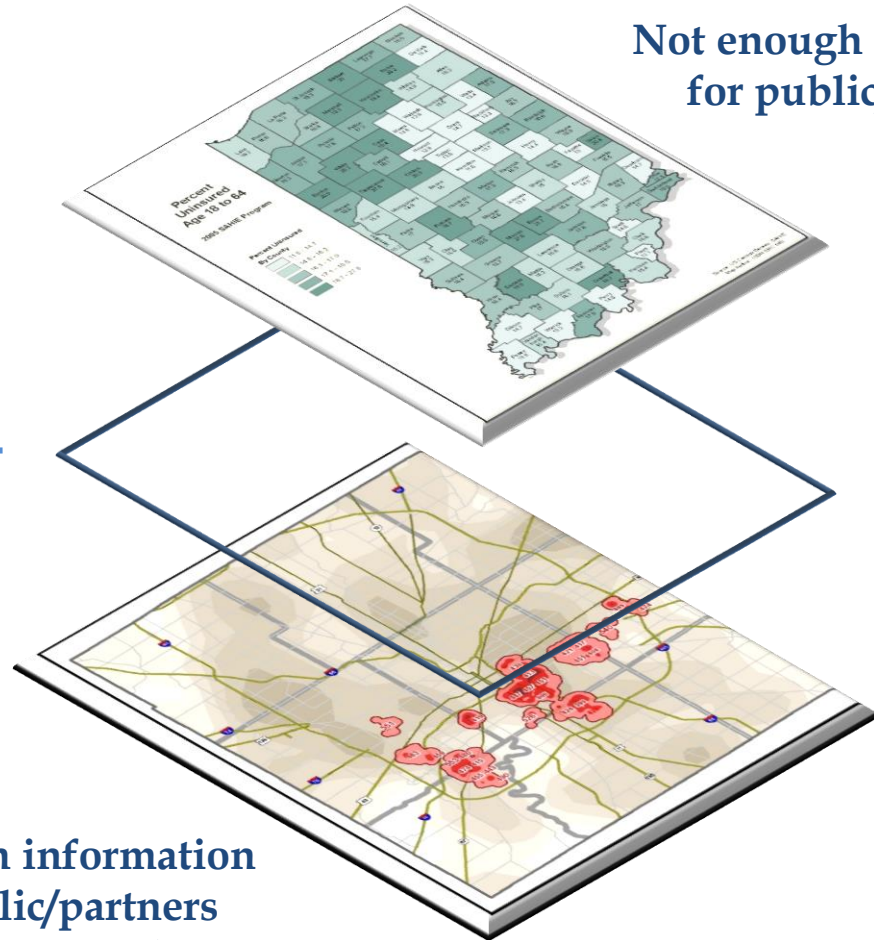




Finding the balance between coarse data and detailed data while maintaining data stability and confidentiality.

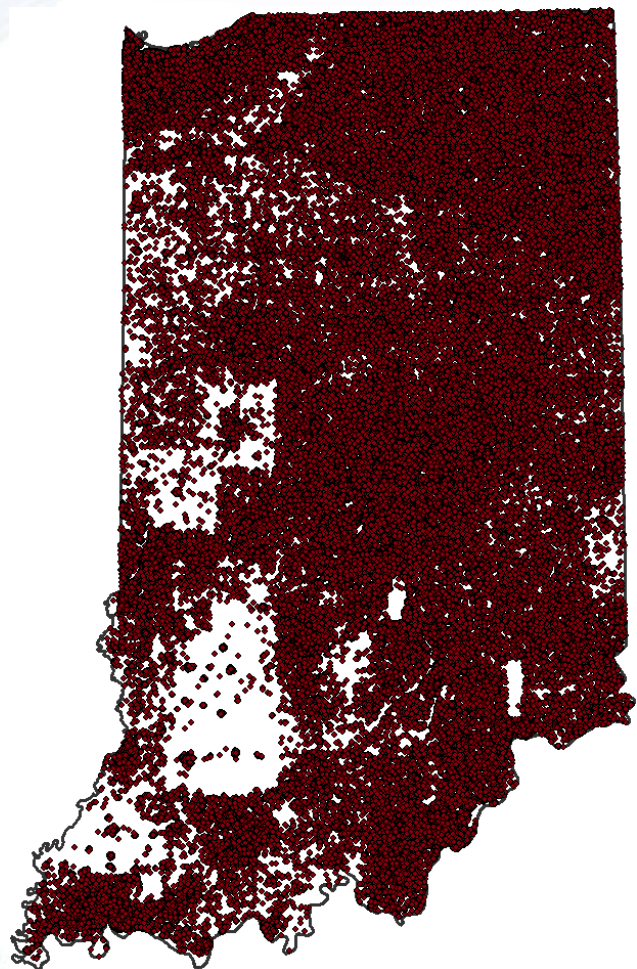


What is this solution?

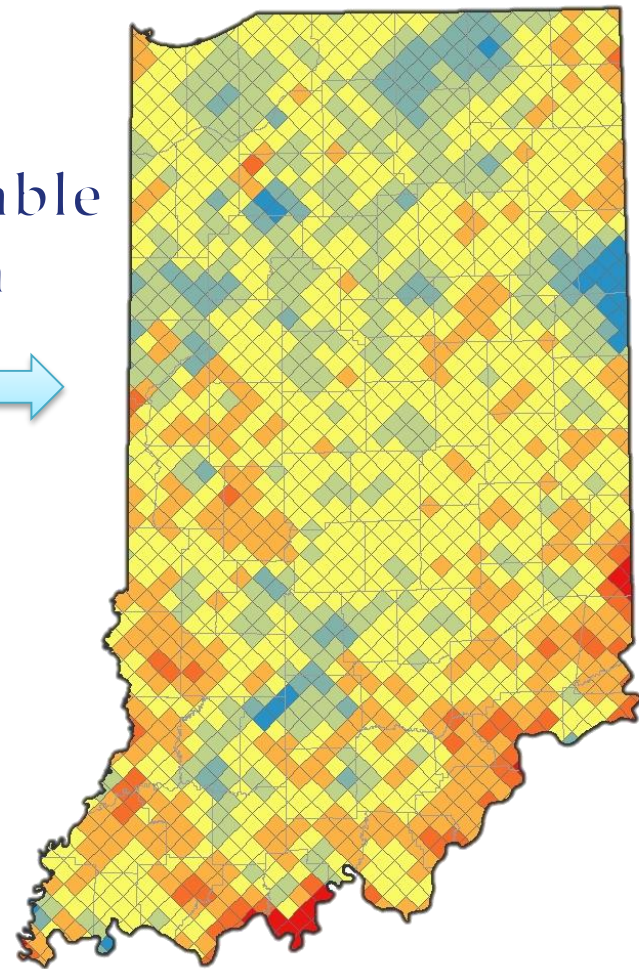


Not enough information  
for public/partners

Too much information  
for public/partners  
(identifiable)

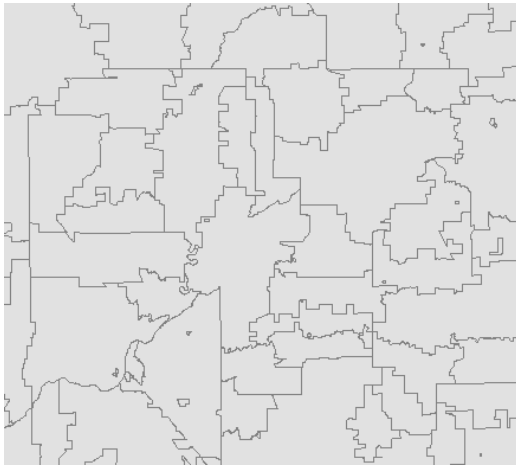


Data to Actionable  
Information



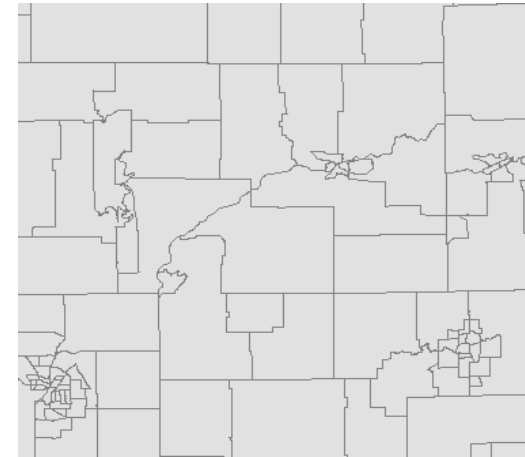
# Common Sub-County Aggregation Areas

## Zip Code



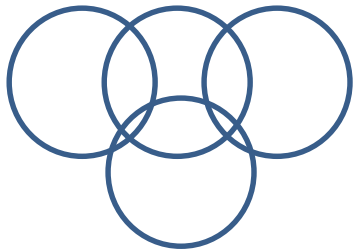
- Wide range of population (100 – 100,000)
- Point-based zips aren't often cross-walked to areas
- Small zips aren't often cross-walked to large zips
  - Zip Codes do not exactly equal Census ZCTA
    - Zip boundaries change
- Data collection doesn't check zip for accuracy

## Census Tract



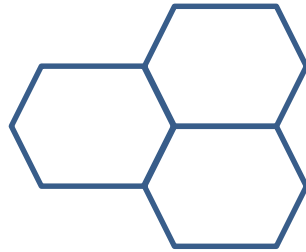
- Some tract populations are < 1,000
  - Tracts can be very small areas
  - Tracts can be oddly shaped
  - Tracts boundaries change
- Tract geography is considered 'too identifiable'

# Binning Options for Patient/Record Level Data



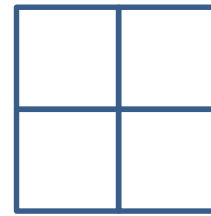
Used extensively by ISDH  
GIS in the past (Rushton)

Susceptible to  
false positives



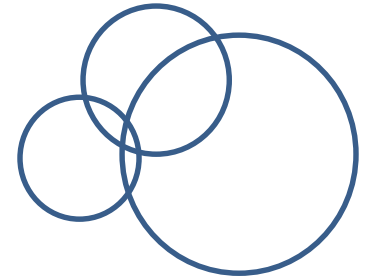
Currently a Popular  
option ("Hex-Binning")

Introduces  
directional bias



Straight-forward,  
Out-of-Box

Arbitrary

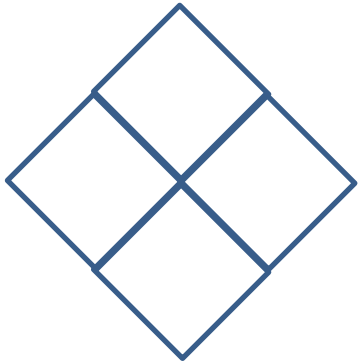


Ensures data  
stability (Rushton)

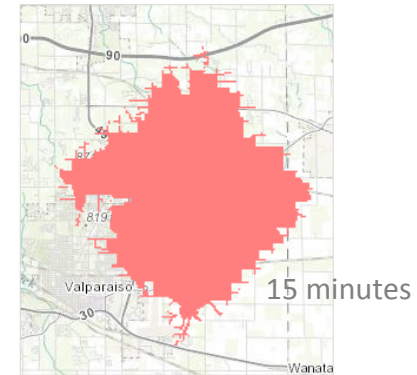
Large bins might not  
describe data at  
source point

Varying sizes of bins  
might be confusing





## Diamond Binning – Based on Reasoning

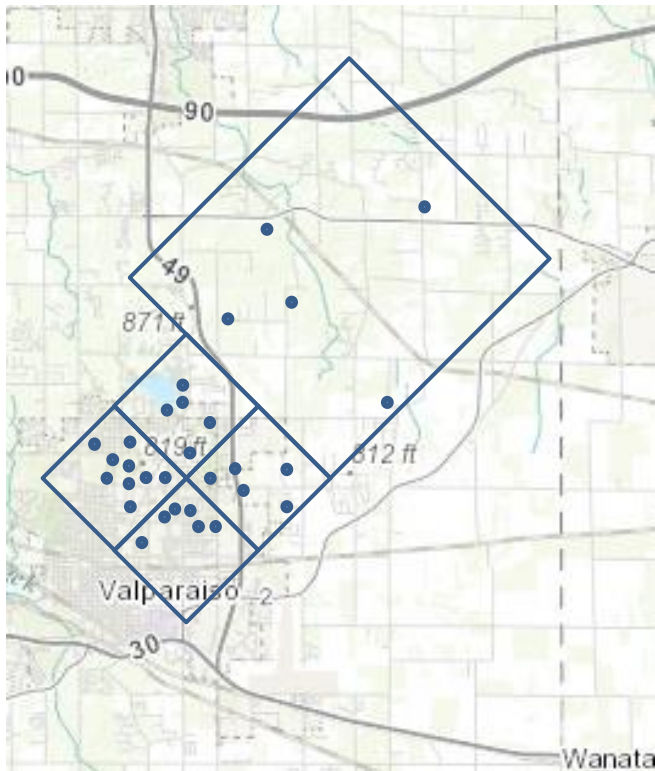


Drive-Time Service Area

The road grid system covers nearly all of Indiana. One can drive further when travelling north, south, east or west from a point than travelling NW, NE, SW or SE. The distance travelled for a given amount of time creates an extent boundary in a general shape of a diamond. Since neighborhoods and communities are closely tied to streets and people with tend to live near people of similar demographic characteristics, we reason that a diamond better captures a 'neighborhood' of people.

# Concurrent Binning (Record Aggregation) for Urban and Rural Population

Accounting for a lot of data points AND too few data points

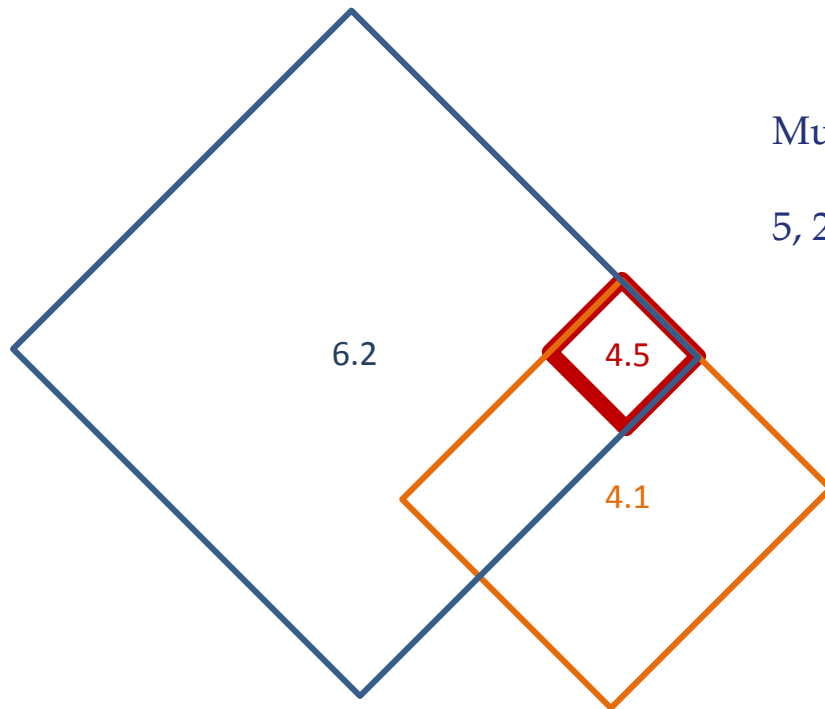


## Multi-Scale:

Small bins for urban – more data points available in small area

Large bins for rural – more area needed to capture enough data points

# Smoothing Bin Statistics to Eliminate Random Variability And Increase Data Reliability



Multi-Scale Offset Approach:

5, 20, and 80 square miles and N, S, E, and W of seed

# Python Inputs and Outputs

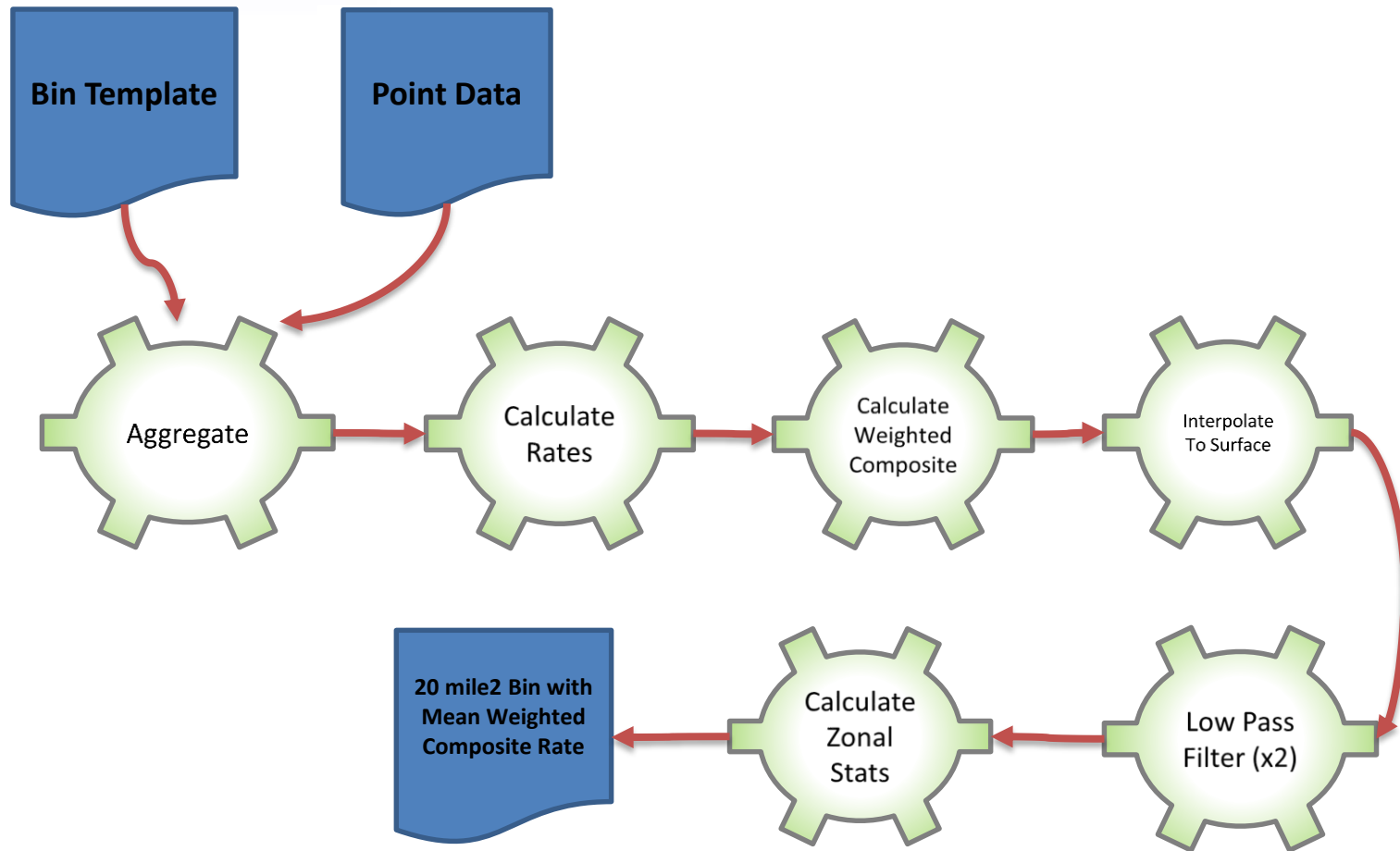
## Inputs

- Point layer with risk factors
- Bin template
- Need to create ArcPro project ahead of time

## Outputs

- 20 mile bins with mean weighted composite rate
- Point layer with significance for each diamond
- Intermediate bins and smoothed layers

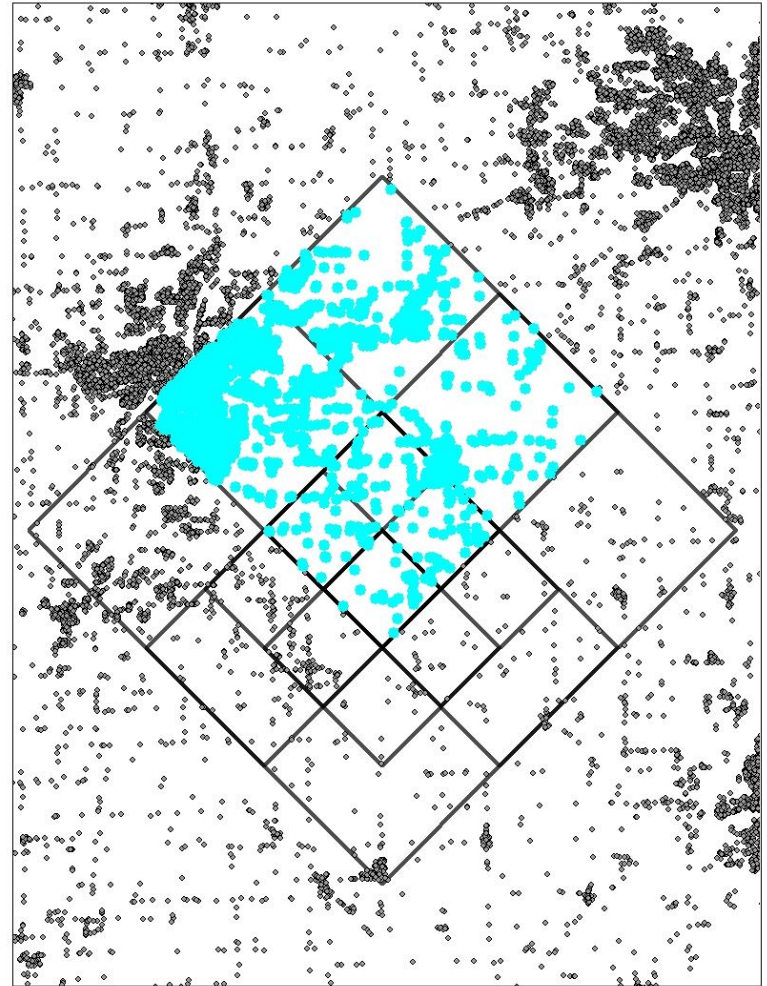




# Multi-Scale Binning

Data is aggregated at 3 scales (5  
mi<sup>2</sup>, 20 mi<sup>2</sup>, and 80 mi<sup>2</sup>  
*Diamonds*)

20 and 80 mile diamonds are  
shifted in 4 directions to reduce  
directional bias – Total of 9  
multi-scale bins



# Calculating Composite Rate

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \text{ mi}^2 \text{ Weighted Composite Rate}^* = & ((3 * 5\text{mi}^2 \\ & \text{Rate}) + (2 * 20\text{mi}^2 \text{ Rate}) + (2 * 20\text{mi}^2\_N \text{ Rate}) + \\ & (2 * 20\text{mi}^2\_E \text{ Rate}) + (2 * 20\text{mi}^2\_W \text{ Rate}) + \\ & (80\text{mi}^2 \text{ Rate}) + (80\text{mi}^2\_N \text{ Rate}) + (80\text{mi}^2\_E \\ & \text{Rate}) + (80\text{mi}^2\_W \text{ Rate})) / 15 \end{aligned}$$

\*Only bins with variable counts greater than user defined threshold (typically 20) are included in calculation

$$5\text{mi}^2 \text{ Rate} = 0.386364$$

$$20\text{mi}^2 \text{ Rate} = 0.541295$$

$$20\text{mi}^2\_N \text{ Rate} = 0.538126$$

$$20\text{mi}^2\_E \text{ Rate} = 0.495726$$

$$20\text{mi}^2\_W \text{ Rate} = 0.534035$$

$$80\text{mi}^2 \text{ Rate} = 0.537832$$

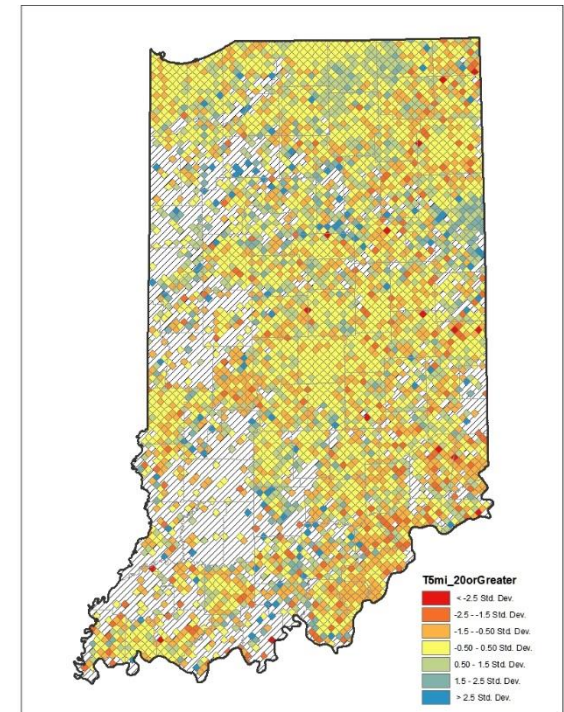
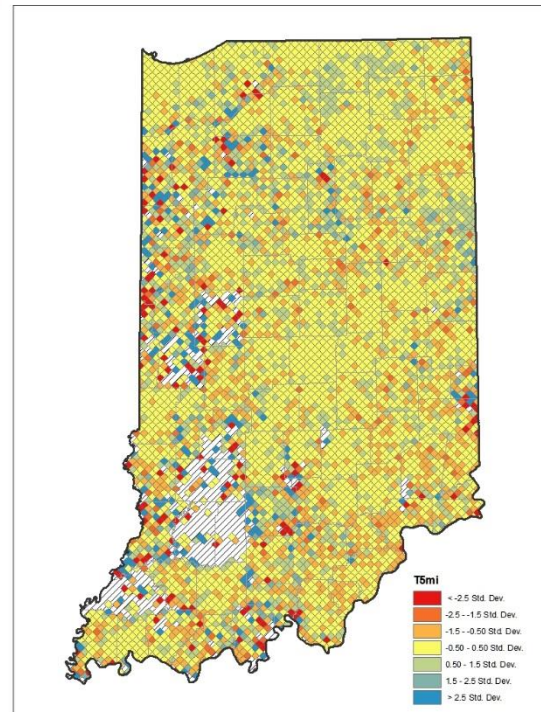
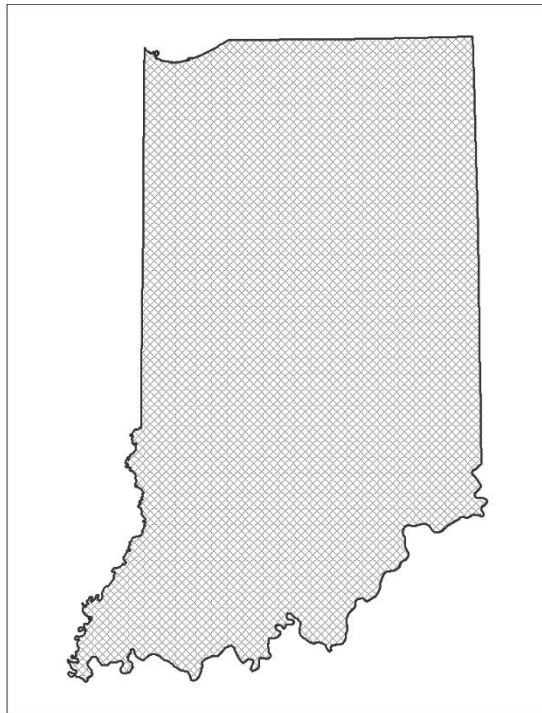
$$80\text{mi}^2\_N \text{ Rate} = 0.536505$$

$$80\text{mi}^2\_E \text{ Rate} = 0.536672$$

$$80\text{mi}^2\_W \text{ Rate} = 0.536396$$

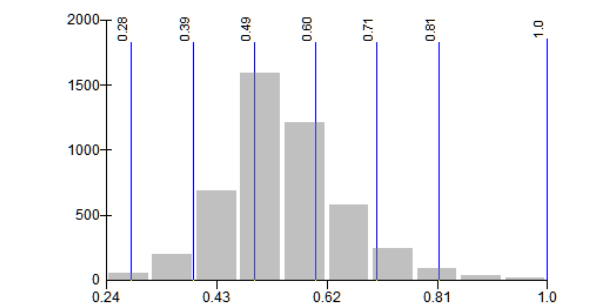
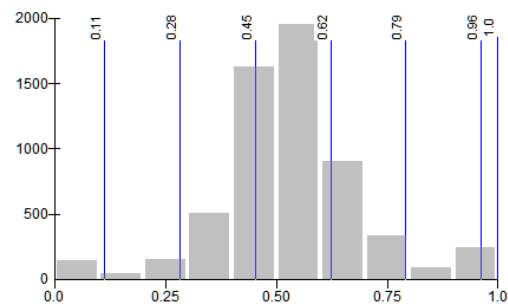
$$\begin{aligned} 0.501657 = & ((3 * 0.386364) + (2 * 0.541295) + (2 * \\ & 0.538126) + (2 * 0.495726) + (2 * 0.534035) + \\ & (0.537832) + (0.536505) + (0.536672) + \\ & (0.536396)) / 15 \end{aligned}$$

Weighting ensures that local data is more important in calculation of composite rate

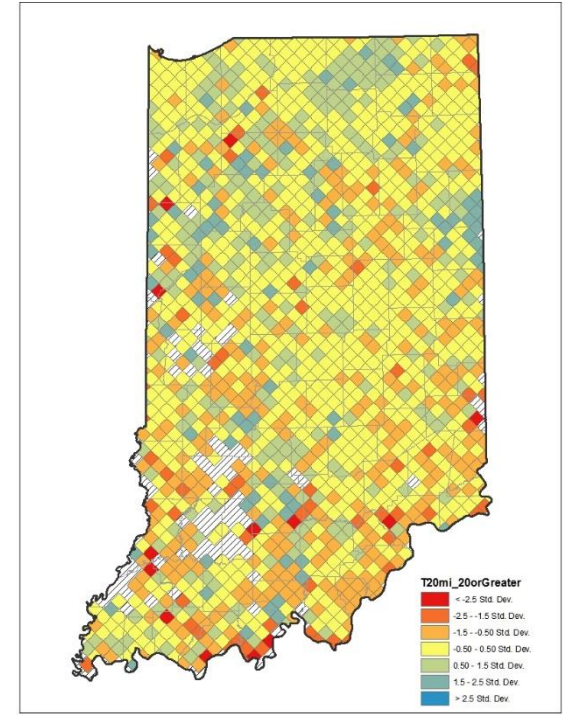
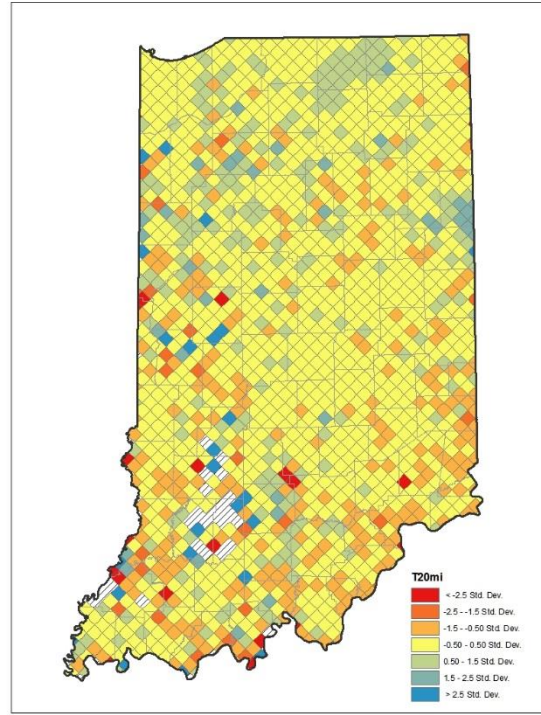
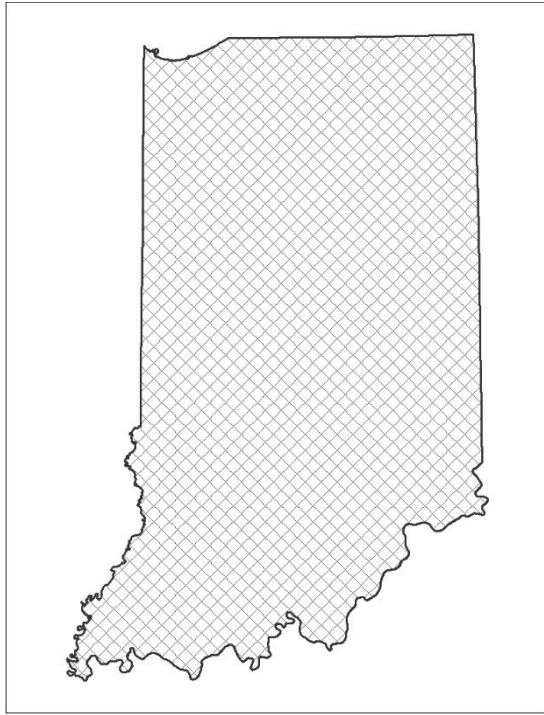


5 mi<sup>2</sup>  
"seed"

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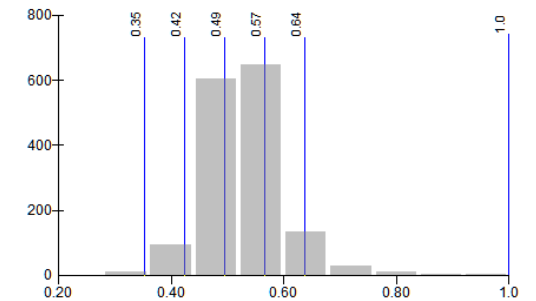
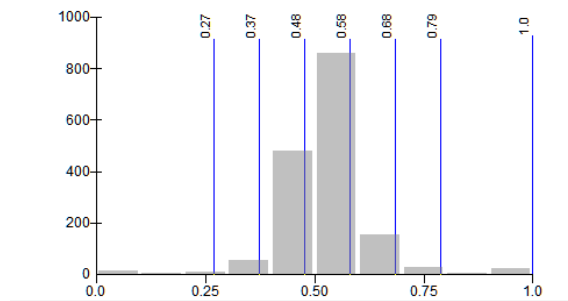


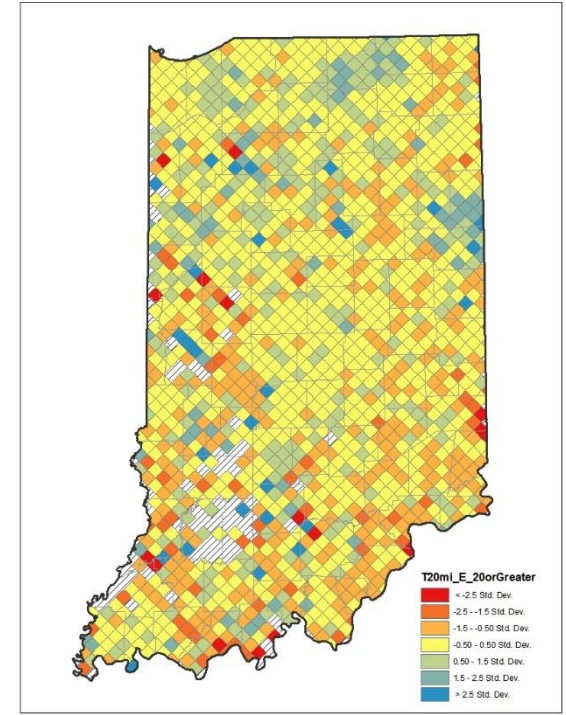
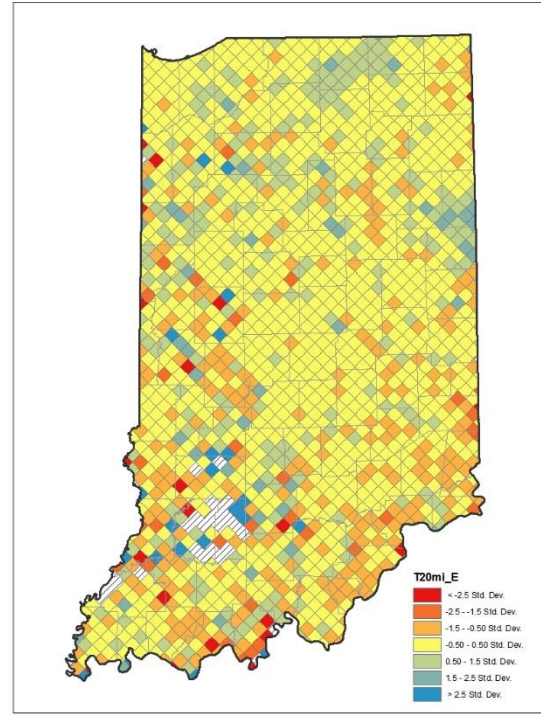
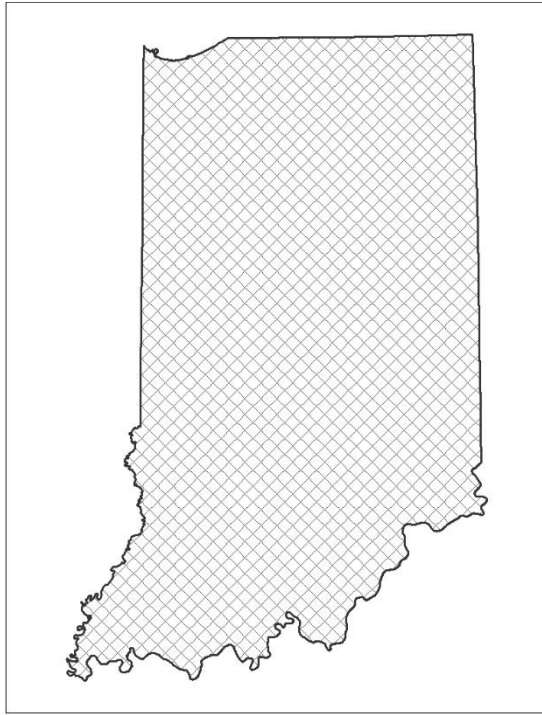




20 mi<sup>2</sup>

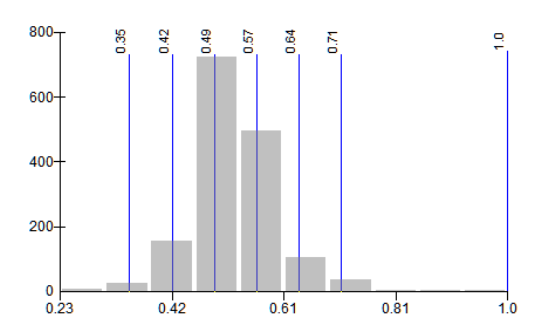
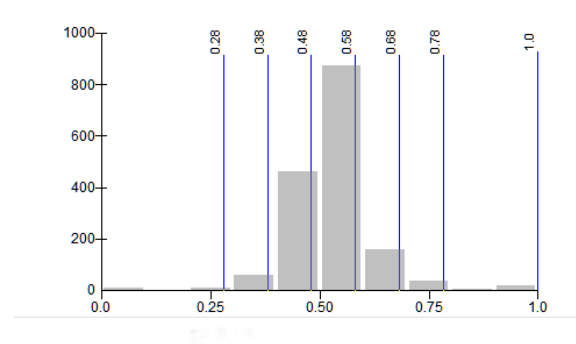
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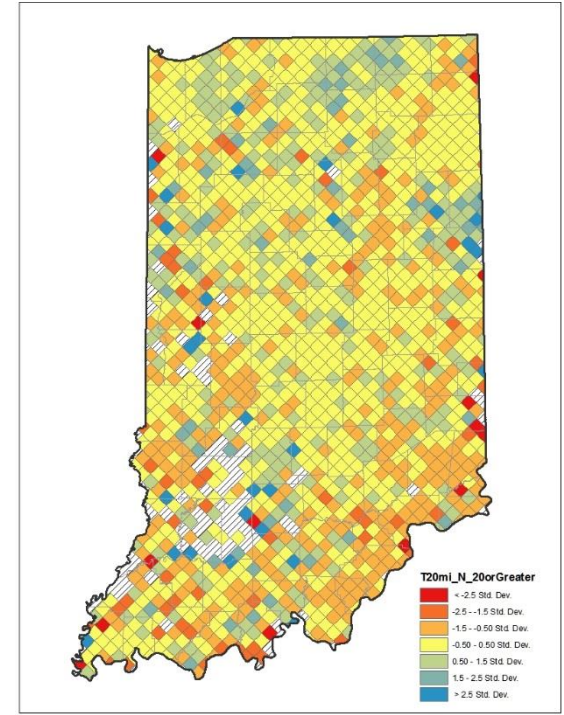
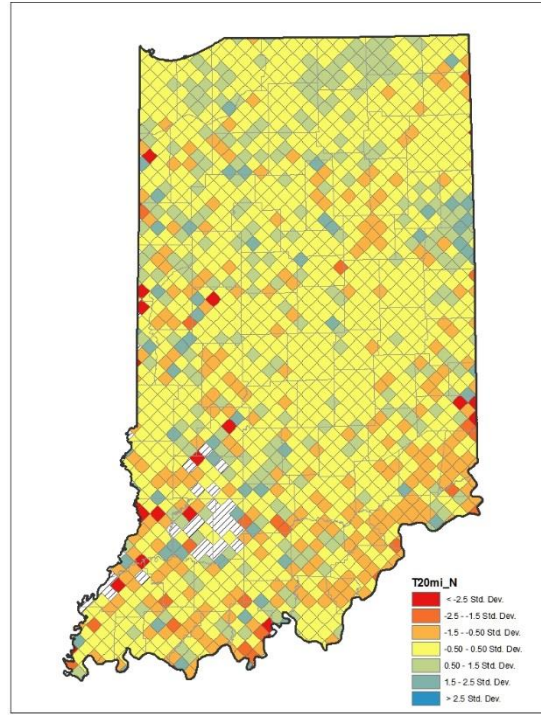
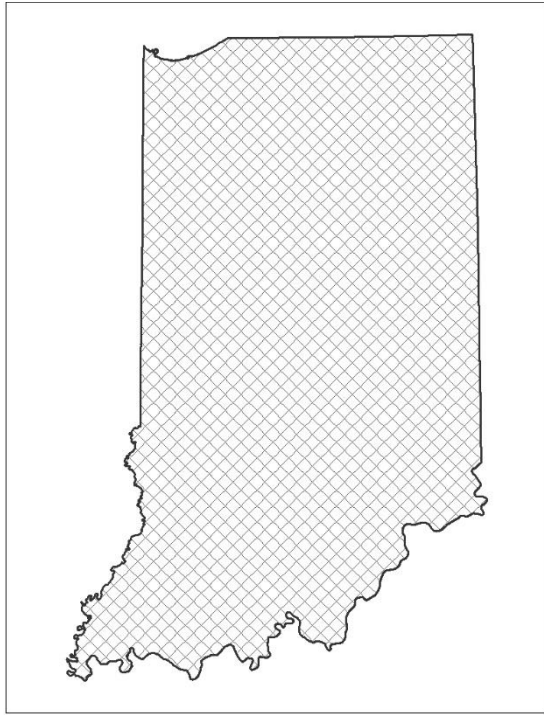


20 mi<sup>2</sup> East

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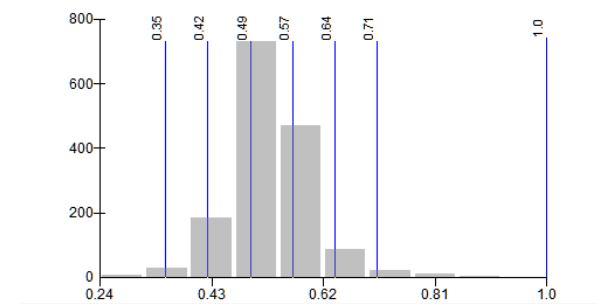
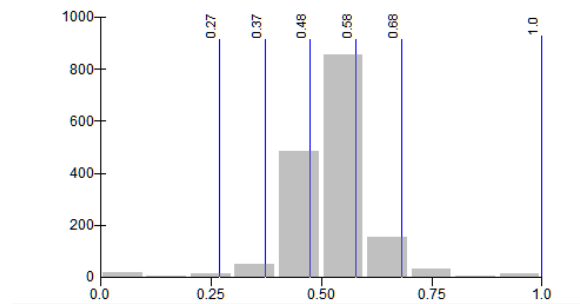


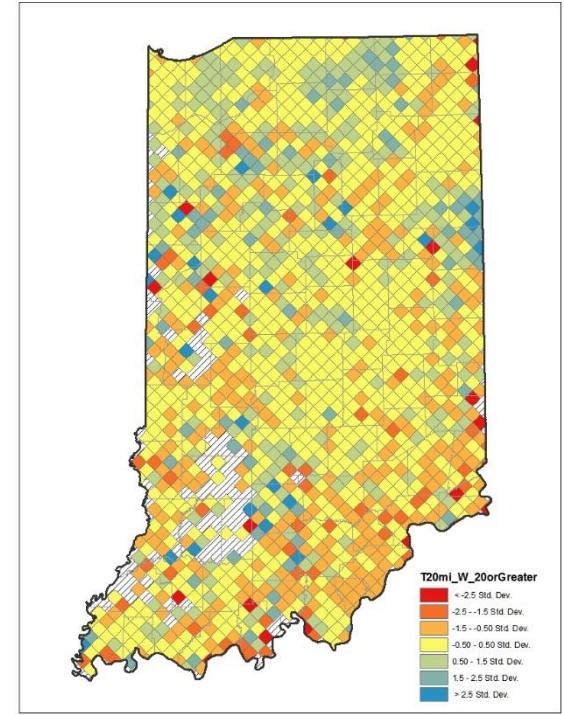
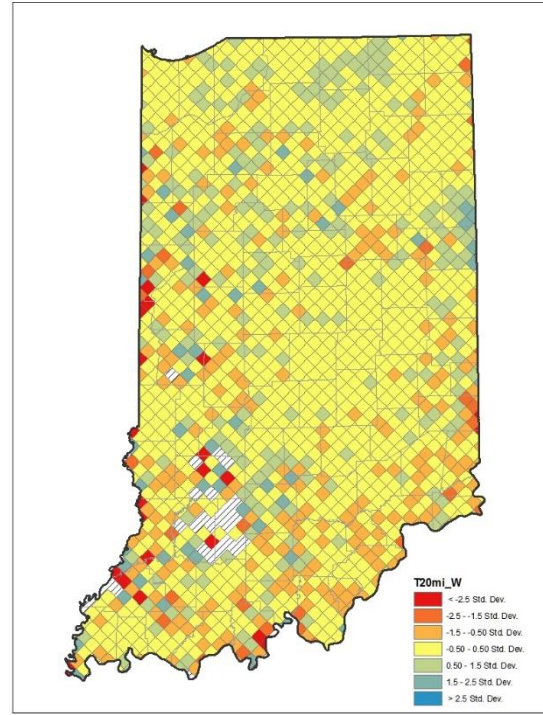
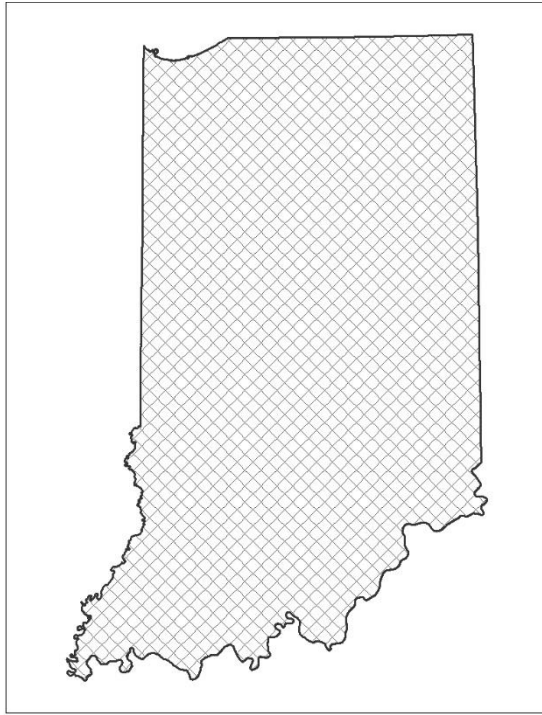




20 mi<sup>2</sup> North

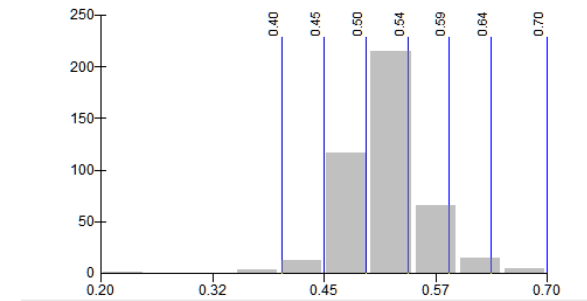
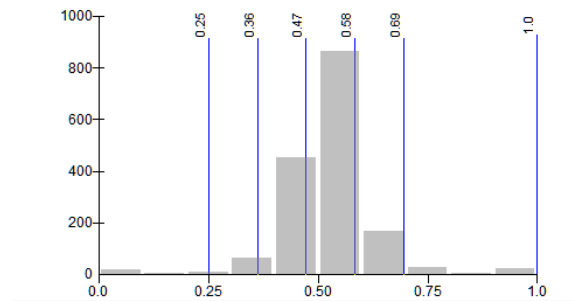
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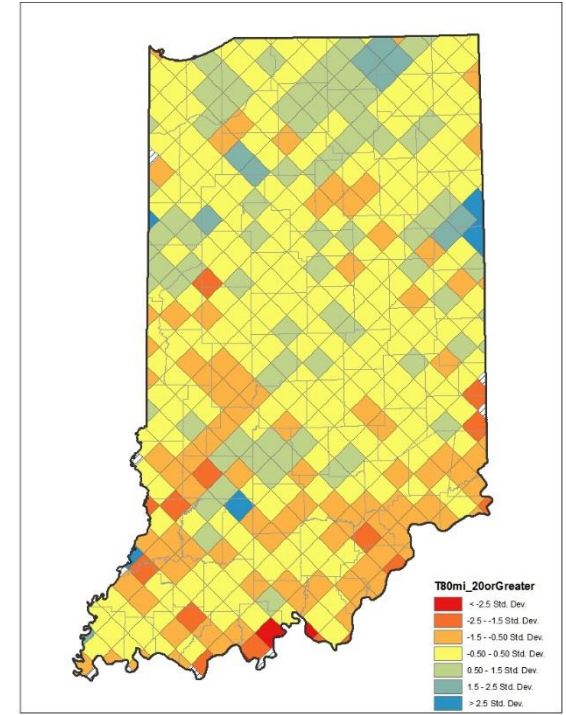
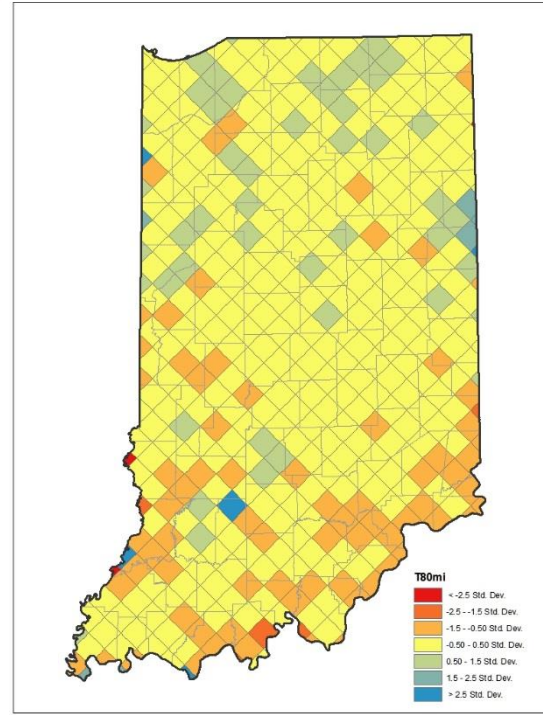
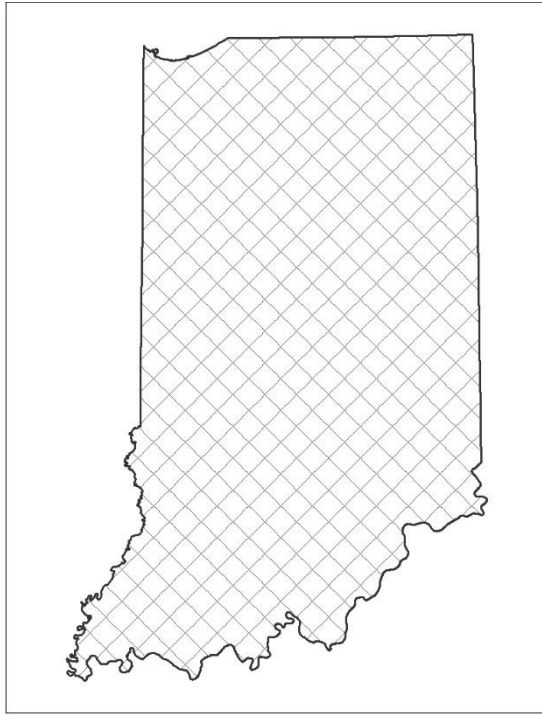


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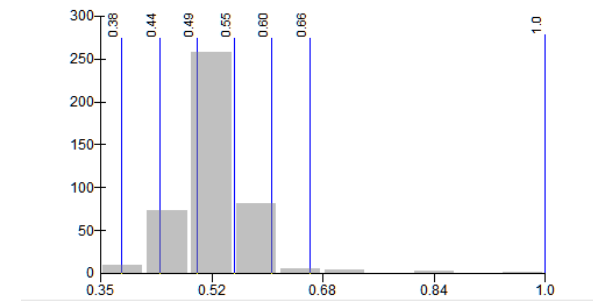
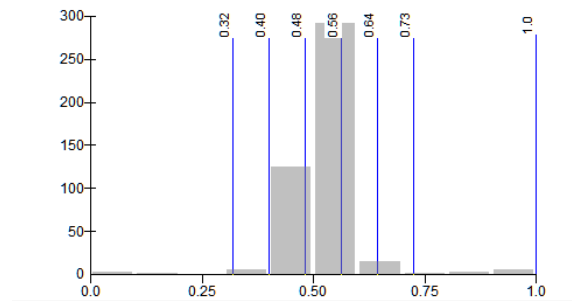


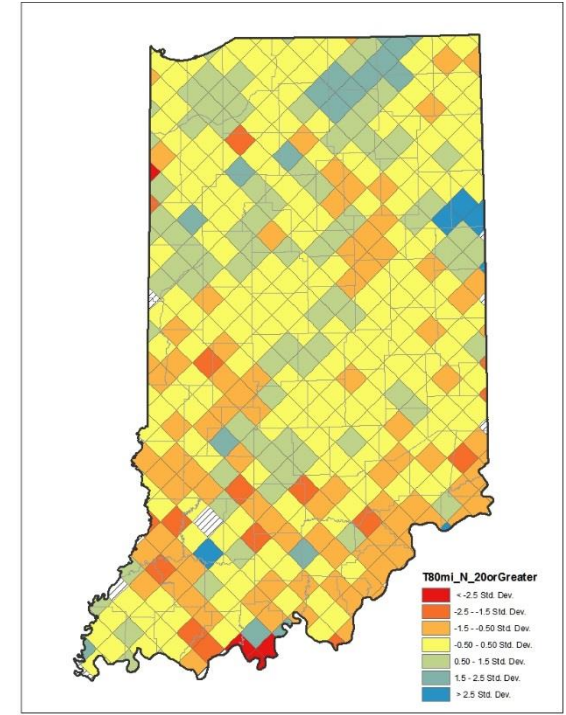
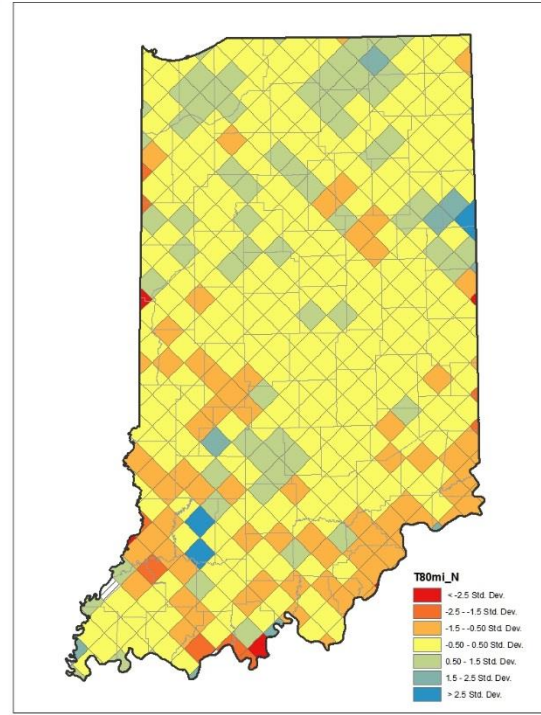
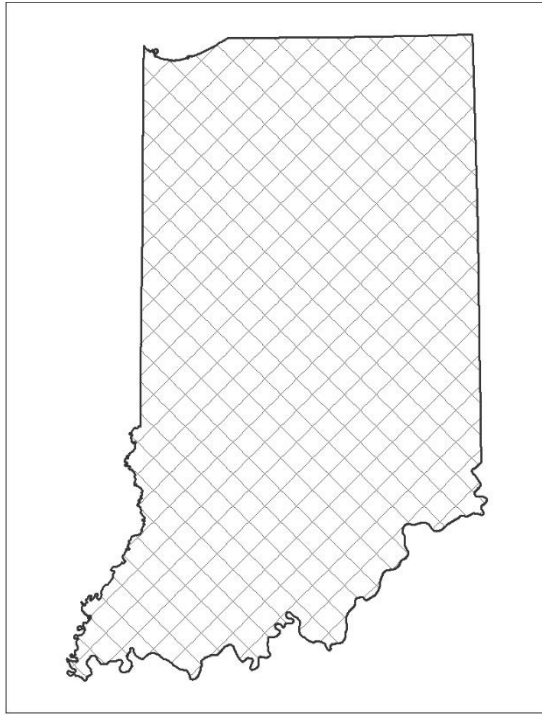




80 mi<sup>2</sup>

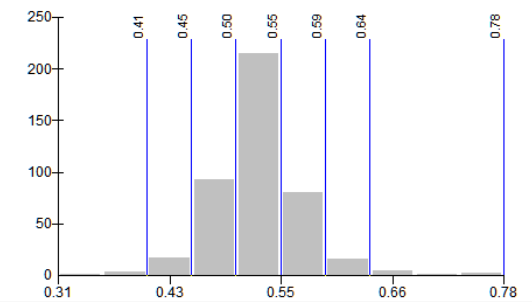
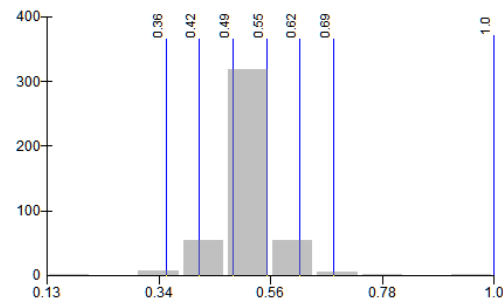
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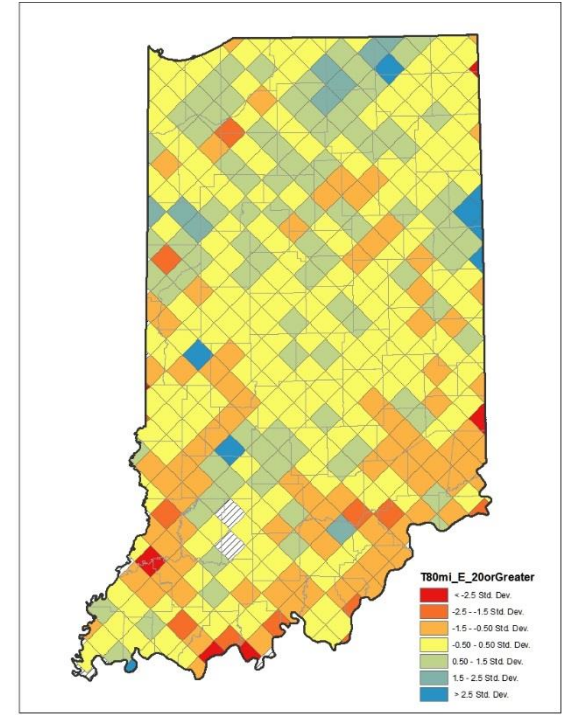
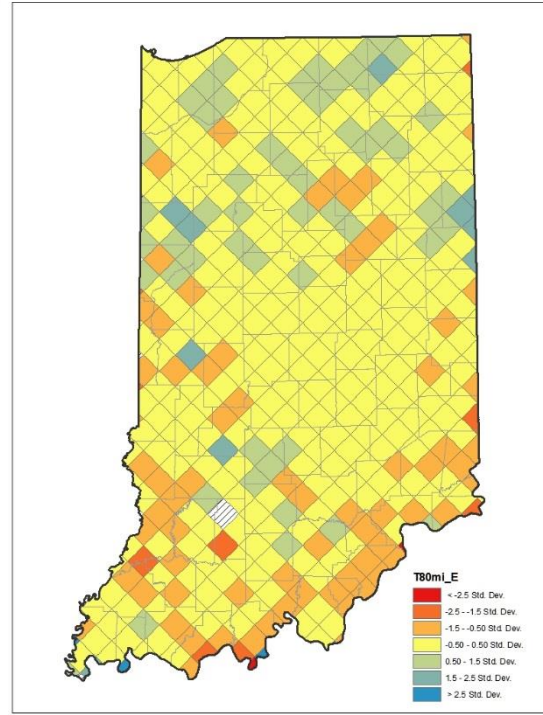
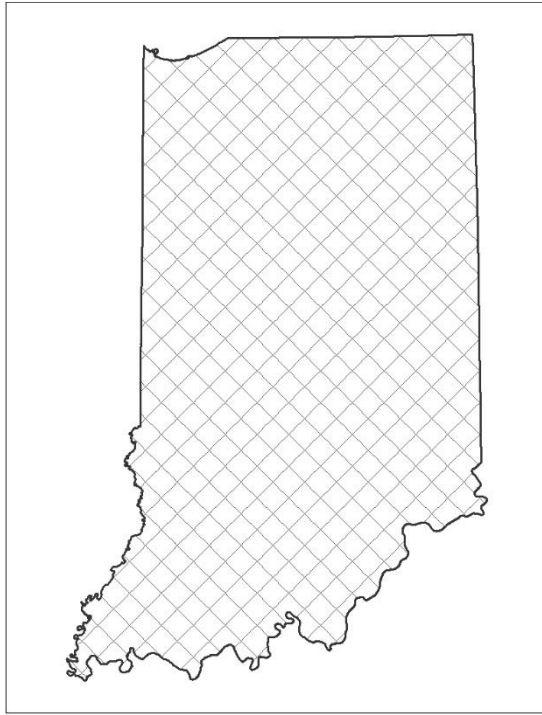




80 mi<sup>2</sup> North

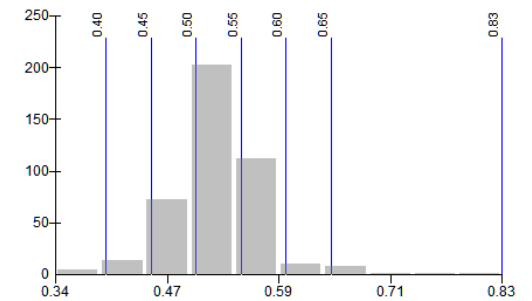
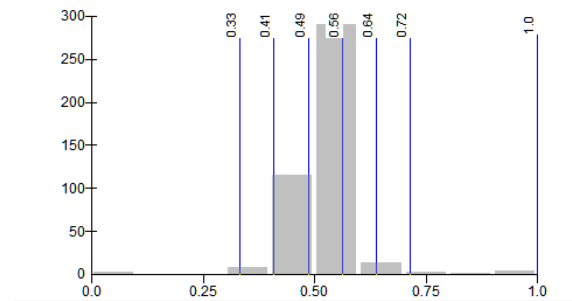
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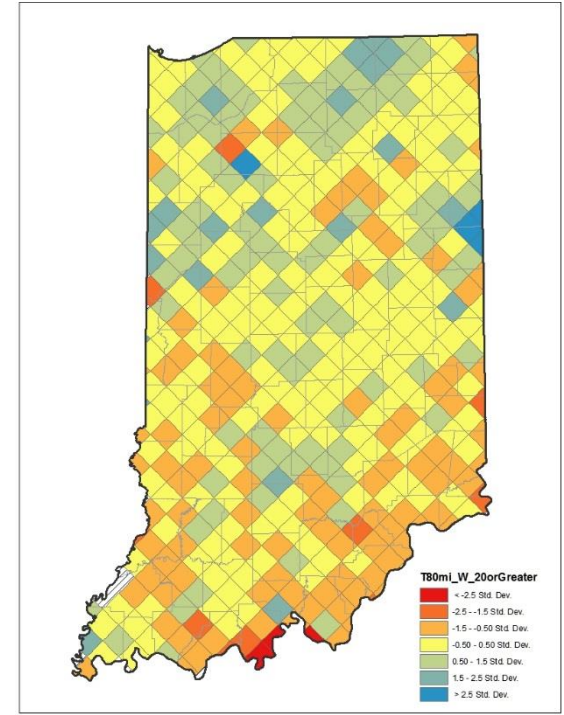
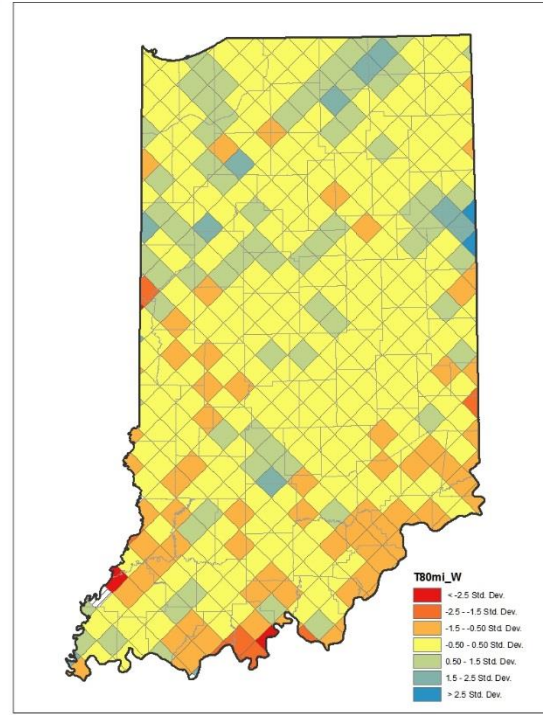
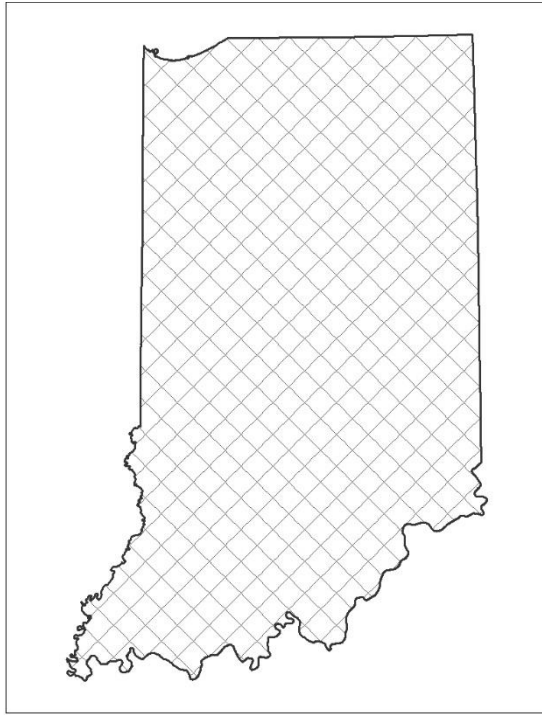


80 mi<sup>2</sup> East

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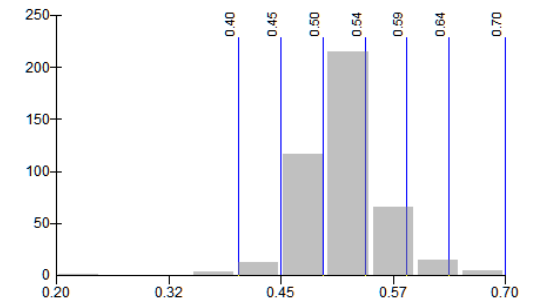
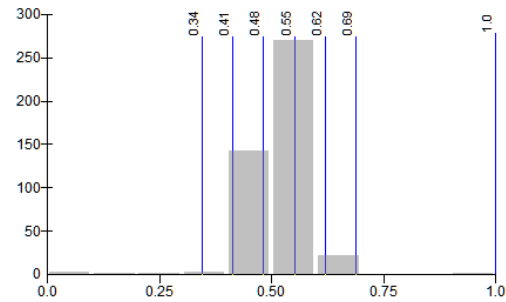




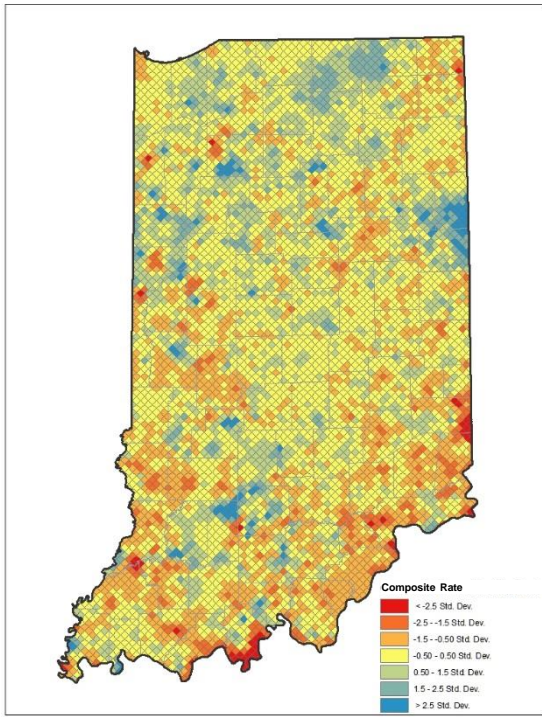


80 mi<sup>2</sup> West

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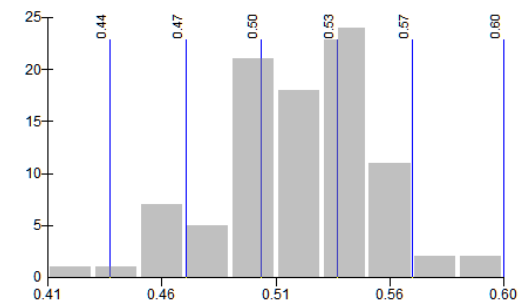
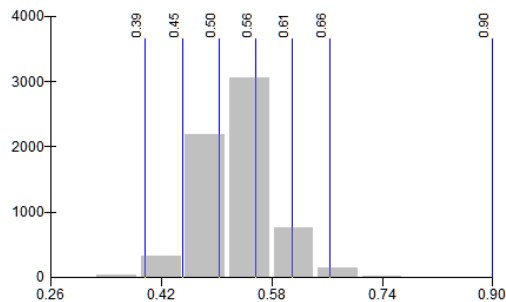
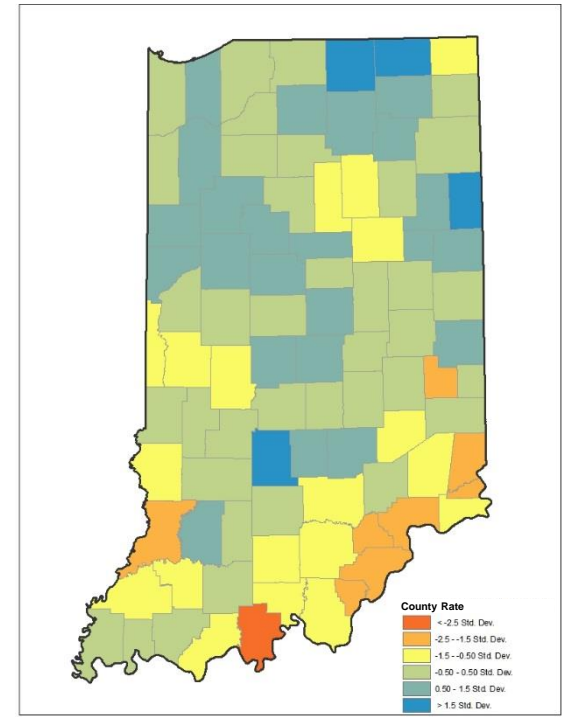
## Initial 5mi<sup>2</sup> Composite Result



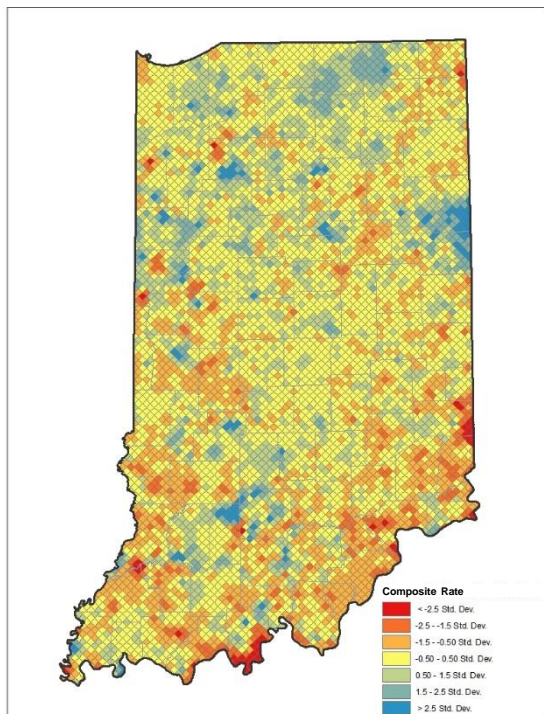
5 mile weighted  
composite rate  
contains more  
detail than county  
rates

*but*

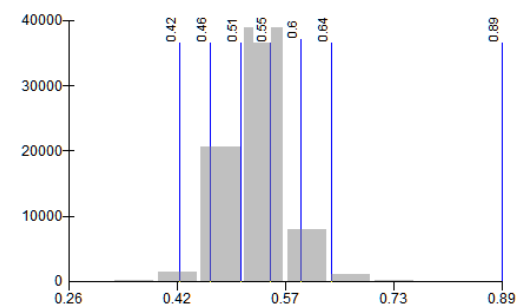
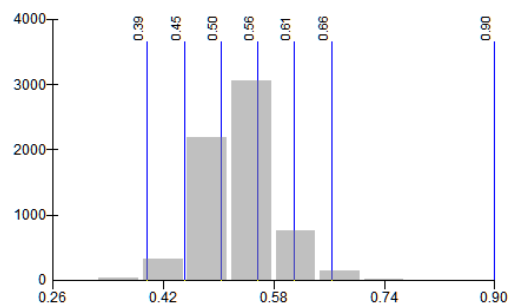
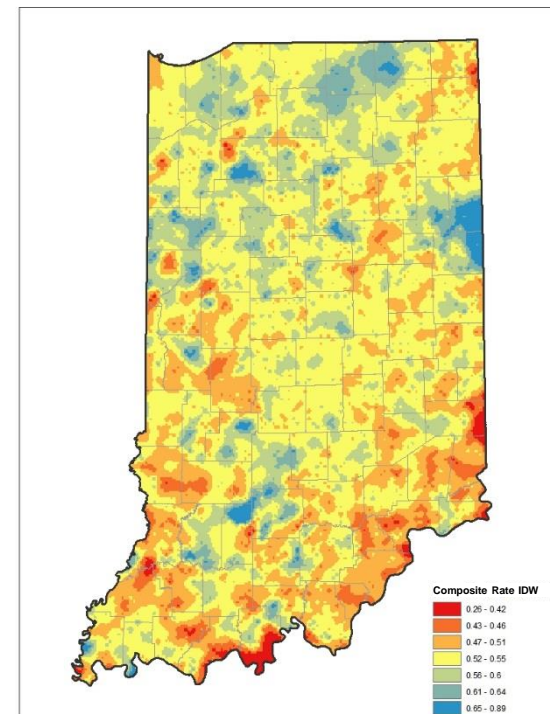
May be too much  
detail to detect  
state-wide pattern



\*\*\* Histogram scale may not match.



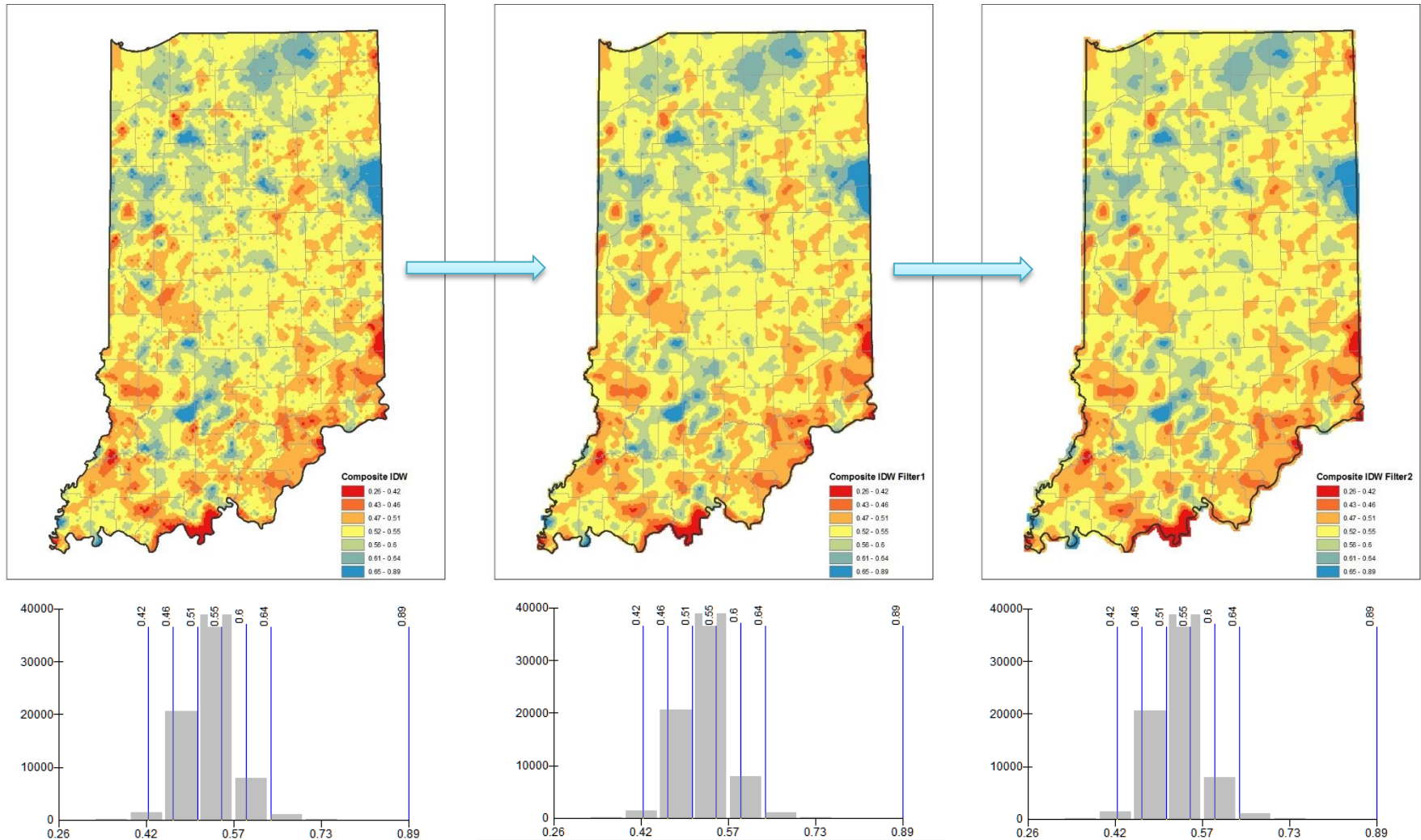
Interpolate from  
Discrete Bins to  
Surface



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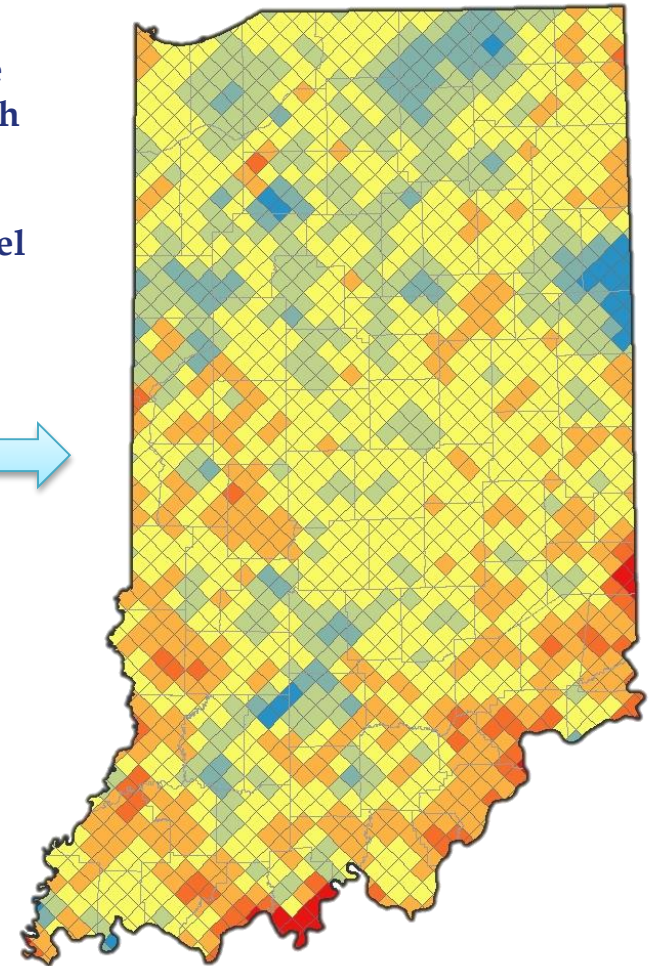
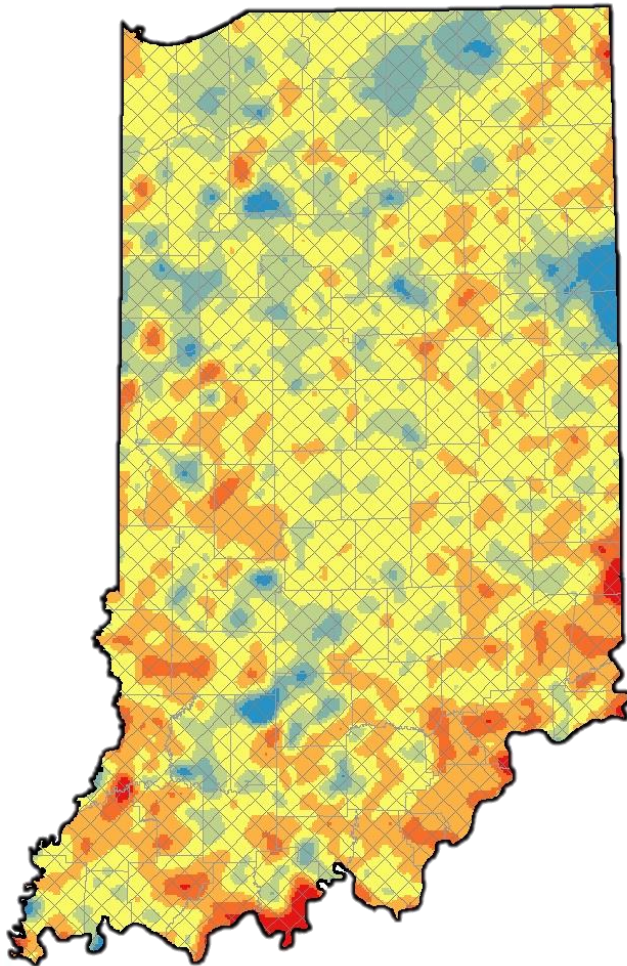
# Raster Surface is Smoothed Using a Low Pass Filter Method to Remove Noise



# Calculate 20 mi<sup>2</sup> Zonal Statistics

Surface statistics are  
calculated within each  
20mi<sup>2</sup> bin

The mean of each pixel  
value represents the  
smoothed weighted  
composite rate



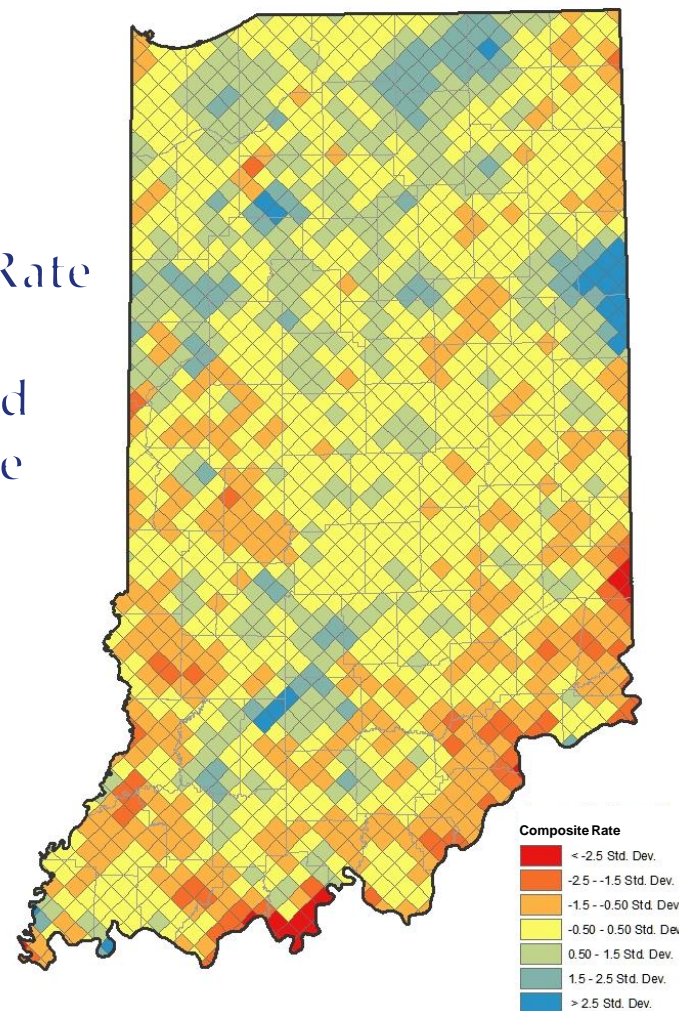
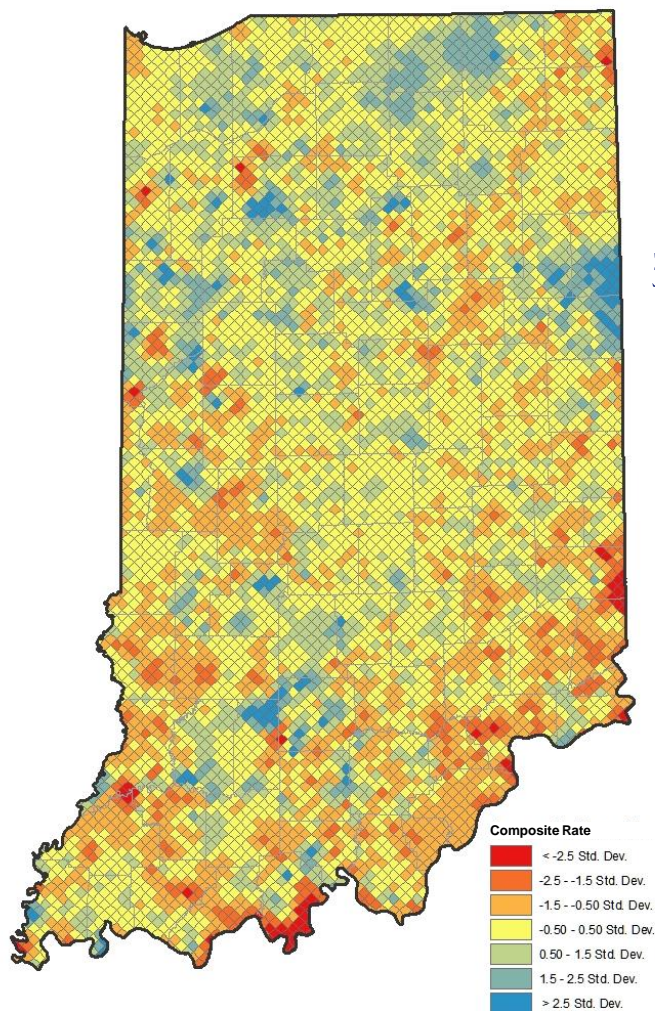


Compare:

5 mi<sup>2</sup> Composite Rate

VS

20mi<sup>2</sup> Smoothed  
Composite Rate



[Link to web app containing GUMSS maps](#)

## 4 Things to Remember When Interpreting the Maps

1

The value of a diamond bin is based on data within and around that diamond bin  
(bins are smoothed)

2

Values of the diamond are based on patient records that could be geocoded  
(typical geocode percentages are about 90% statewide)

3

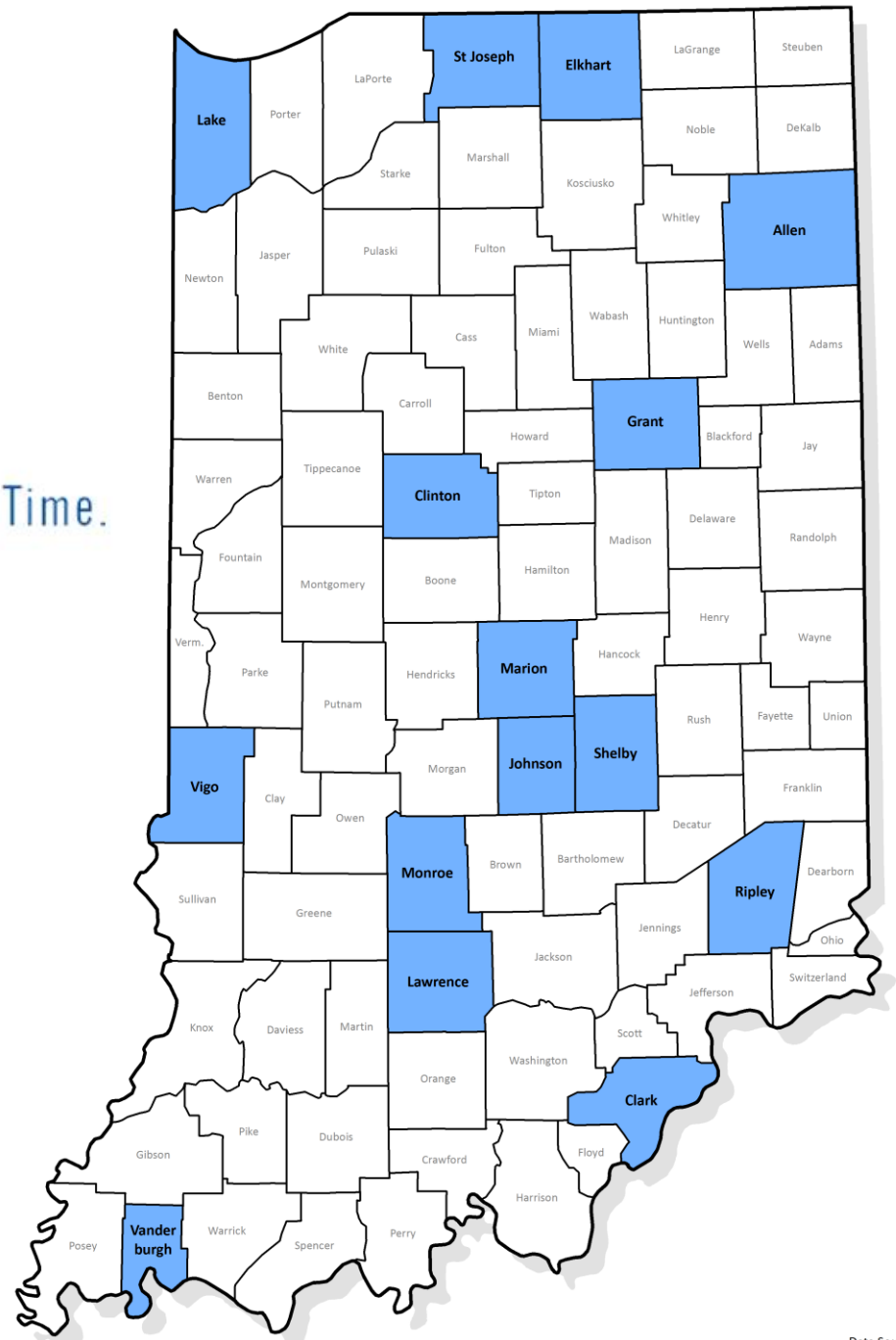
Values in diamonds with zero or a small number of geocoded points  
rely more on data further away  
(interpolation or inference to fill data gaps)

4

The process is built on the assumption of spatial autocorrelation  
(like values tend to be nearer to one another in space)



Healthy Babies. Born on Time.



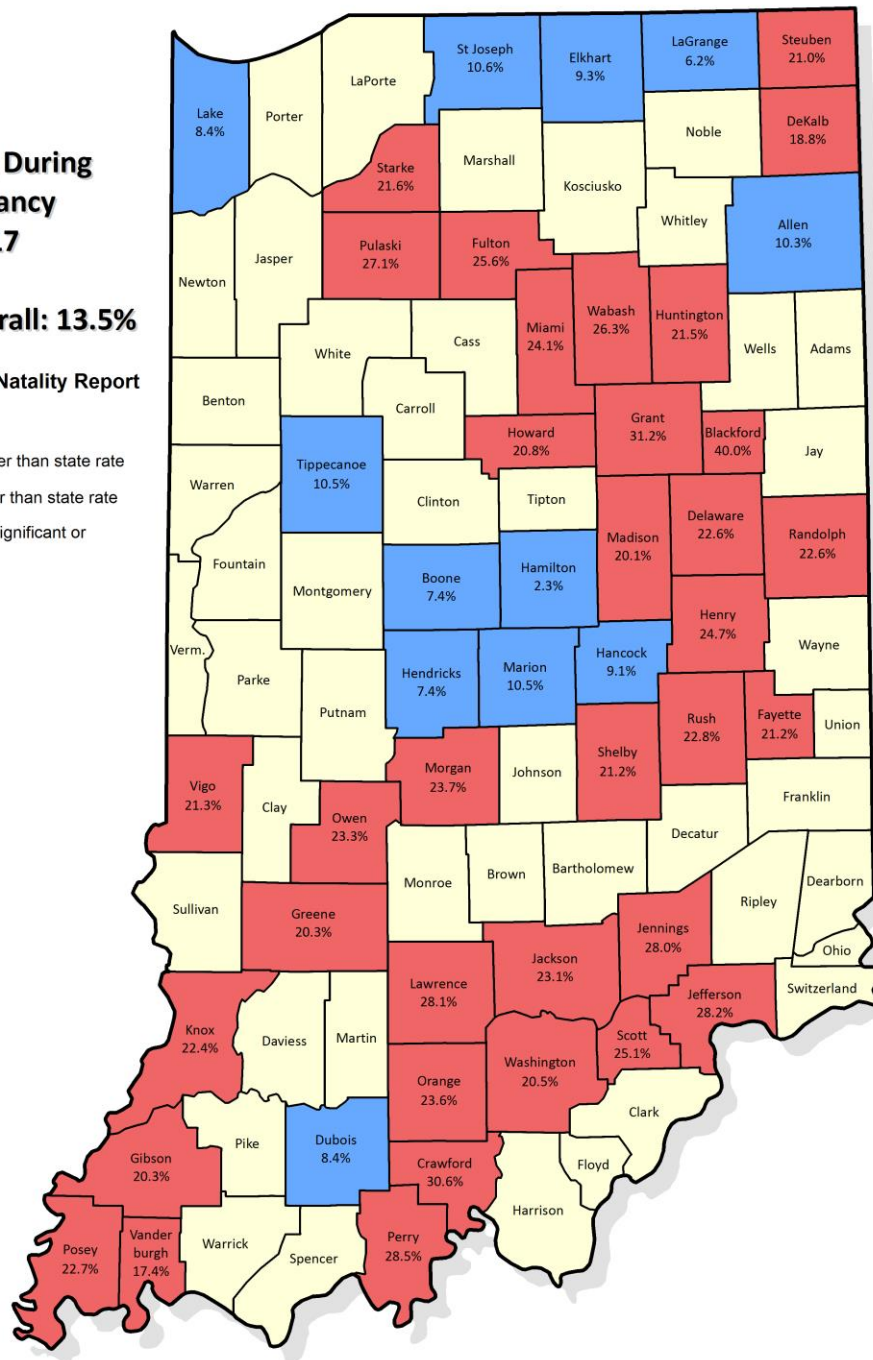


# Smoking During Pregnancy 2017

**Indiana Overall: 13.5%**

**Source: Indiana Natality Report**

- Significantly higher than state rate
- Significantly lower than state rate
- Not statistically significant or unstable rate



## Percent of Live Births Mother Smoked During Pregnancy, 2013 – 2017

Standard Deviations from Mean

- < -2.5 (Lowest percentage)
- -2.5 to -1.5
- -1.5 to -0.5
- -0.5 to 0.5
- 0.5 to 1.5
- 1.5 to 2.5
- > 2.5 (Highest percentage)

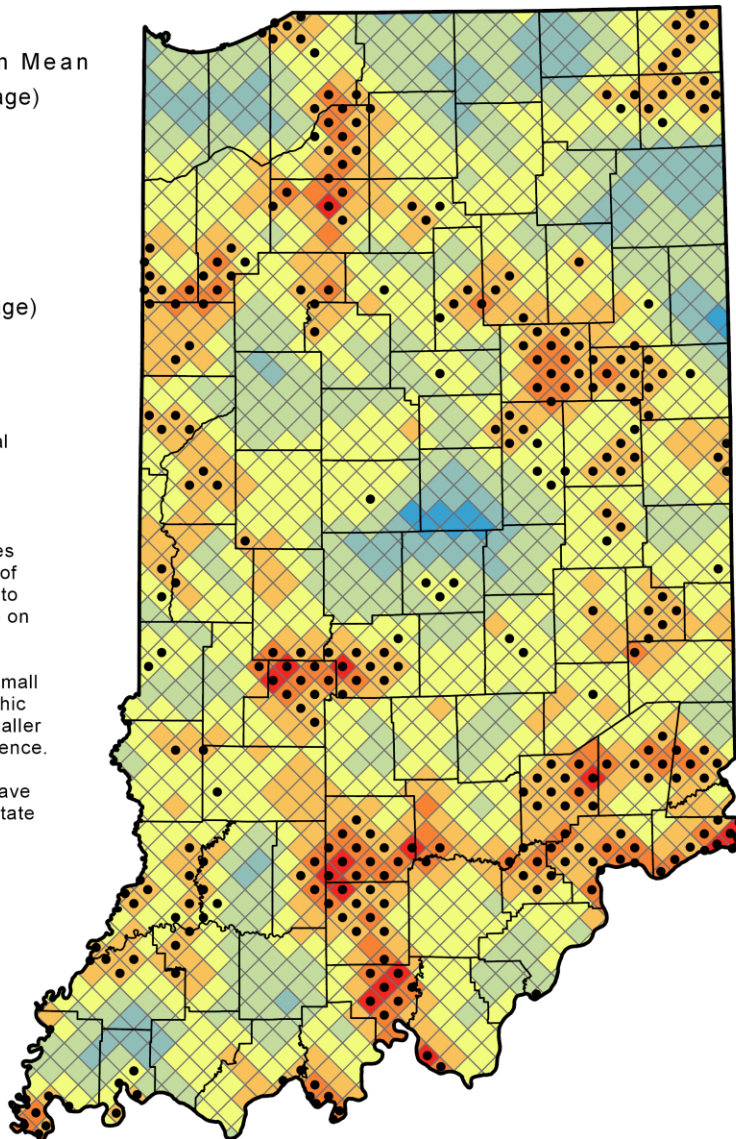
- Statistically Significant

Map is created using a purely spatial multi-scale smoothing method to estimate statistics for small areas while retaining data confidentiality.

The value of each diamond describes the rate within and around the area of the defined diamond. Events closer to the diamond have a larger influence on the diamond's rate.

Estimated risks do not account for small area socio-economic and demographic variability. Estimates based on a smaller number of events have lower confidence.

Black dots indicate diamonds that have statistically higher values than the state mean.



# Map Utilization

- Maternal & Child Health Needs Assessment research and outreach to high risk areas
- Grant proposals and program funding
- Maternal and Child Health strategic planning
- Education and data dissemination

# Questions?

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